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MARTENS CALLED BACK BY SOVIET

RUSSIAN ORDERS IN U. S. ARE CANCELLED BY ORDER FROM MOSCOW REGIME.

HOSTILITY GIVEN AS REASON

Contracts of Over \$50,000,000 Affected By Order, Says Self-Styled Prime Minister.

New York.—"Cancel all orders in America and come back at once." Such in substance, was the cable order received by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet diplomat representative in the United States from his government at Moscow.

The cablegram was signed by George Tchitcherine, soviet commissary for foreign affairs. It contains warm praise for the work Martens has done during his three years' presence here, in the face of what the soviet foreign minister calls "malicious insults and petty persecution by some elements in America."

The order is the direct result of the recent decision of Secretary of Labor Wilson that Martens is to be deported. Martens is now virtually on "parole," but will surrender himself to the government at Washington in the first week of January.

50 Millions Lost By Order.

New York.—The order from the soviet foreign minister to Ludwig C. A. K. Martens to cancel all contracts in America and return to Russia means the cancellation of more than \$50,000,000 worth of contracts actually signed between American firms and the soviet government through Martens. It was stated by the latter. The potential contracts which, were in the making, run into the hundreds of millions, Martens added.

BUSINESS WEATHERED STORM

Stabilized Conditions Predicted By Fourth Federal Reserve Bank.

Cleveland.—The Fourth Federal Reserve bank, in its monthly summary of business conditions, says business has weathered the storm of 1920 and that an era of stabilized business conditions is in sight.

While the year "has been one of surprising developments to many," the statement says, "there is nothing but what students of business conditions had expected. A substantial liquidation has taken place, and the damage done, as compared with the good accomplished, has been surprisingly small," it says.

PLAN FRANCE-BRITAIN PACT

Premiers to Discuss International Affairs At Nice Meeting.

Paris.—An extensive program of international affairs, including the proposed alliance between Great Britain and France to take the place of the Entente Cordiale will be discussed when Premier Lloyd George, of England, and Premier Leygues, of France, meet at Nice at the beginning of the New Year.

The proposed alliance had been discussed in London. It was unofficially reported negotiations had proceeded to the point where the treaty was tentatively formed.

REFUSE TO RAISE COAL MEN

Operators Declare They Stand Ready to Adjust Individual Cases.

Philadelphia.—Declining to reopen the award of the United States anthracite coal commission, the mine operators here rejected the demands of the hard coal mine workers for additional wage increases, a minimum \$6 day labor rate and the establishment of a universal eight-hour day.

The operators, however, notified the miners' representatives that they stood ready to adjust any "individual case of inequality" that may be due to the application of the commission's award.

9 QUAKE ROCK VALPARAISO

People Kept in Fear By Shocks, None of Which Were Serious.

Santiago.—Reports from Valparaiso state that the city was shaken by nine earthquakes Sunday, one of which was violent enough to cause a panic in a theater. Several quakes were felt in towns around Valparaiso, but no damage has been reported.

The uneasiness of the population was increased because the day was the third "critical day" of the period during which Captain Nuno, of the Chilean navy, predicted further quakes.

N.Y. BOATMEN CALL WALKOUT

2,200 Men to Participate in Strike First of Year.

New York.—The Harbor Boatmen's union voted to reject the new working agreement for 1921 tendered by 600 independent owners and to go on strike January 1.

Arthur Olsen, secretary of the union, declared 2,200 men will be affected.

STATE LEADERS IN GREAT "SAVE A LIFE" CAMPAIGN

Acceptances had reached the state committee of the Hoover Relief Fund Campaign for \$33,000,000, to feed 3,500,000 starving children of Europe, from nearly 50 counties in the state when the drive opened Sunday. The remaining counties are being organized as rapidly as possible and are expected to raise their full quota before the campaign ends Dec. 31.

Michigan's quota of the great mercy fund is \$1,000,000 or 100,000 lives. Of this amount Detroit and Wayne County are assigned \$550,000 and the rest of the state \$450,000.

Each county has been provided with "Save a Life" certificates, issued in one, five and ten dollar denominations. It is expected that every family will purchase one or more of these certificates and take the children represented by their purchases into their homes as "invisible guests" at the Christmas or New Year's dinner.

The counties which have completed their organization and the chairman of each is as follows:

Allegan—O. S. Cross, Allegan.
Alcona—Nathaniel Lohb, Munising.
Alpena—H. E. Fletcher, Alpena.
Antrim—Rev. R. C. Parshall, Bellaire.

Barry—Dr. A. W. Woodburne, Haastings.

Bay—E. A. Bousfield, Bay City.

Branch—Chas. U. Champion, Coldwater.

Calhoun—W. J. Smith, Battle Creek.

Charlevoix—J. M. Harris, Boyne City.

Cheboygan—D. J. McDonald, Cheboygan.

Clare—John P. Jones, Clare.

Clinton—John C. Hicks, St. Johns.

Crawford—A. B. Failing, Grayling.

Dickinson—O. C. Davidson, Iron Mountain.

Eaton—James H. Brown, Charlotte.

Emmett—Mrs. J. B. Klise, Petoskey.

Genesee—J. Dallas Dort, Flint.

Gladwin—Guy E. Smith, Gladwin.

Grafton—E. J. Merrill, Alma.

Houghton—Robert Shields, Houghton.

Ingham—B. T. Davis, Lansing.

Ionia—Fred W. Green, Ionia.

Iosco—C. A. Pinkerton, East Tawas.

Kalamazoo—Dr. J. T. Upjohn, Kalamazoo.

Kalkaska—Albert E. Bowerman, Kalkaska.

Lapeer—Chas. W. Smith, Lapeer.

Luce—F. P. Bohn, Newberry.

Manistee—Mrs. P. R. L. Carl, Manistee.

Mason—Rev. W. Putnam, Ludington.

Mecosta—W. N. Ferris, Big Rapids.

Menominee—Wm. Webb Harmon, Menominee.

Missaukee—Judge Gerrit Lemgraven, Lake City.

Montcalm—Sam Metzger, Greenville.

Muskegon—L. C. Walker, Muskegon.

Oakland—Thad D. Seeley, Pontiac.

Oscoda—Samuel Horner, Reed City.

Oscoda—R. J. Craig, Editor, Mio.

Otsego—Sanford W. Buck, Gaylord.

Saginaw—Arthur D. Eddy, Saginaw.

Schoolcraft—Ben F. Gero, Manistiquette.

St. Clair—E. J. Ottway, Port Huron.

Tuscola—James W. Booker, Cass City.

Van Buren—F. N. Wakeman, Paw Paw.

Washtenaw—Prof. Warren T. Lombard, Ann Arbor.

Wexford—Fred C. Wetmore, Cadillac.

THE ANNUAL MASONIC BALL

EVENT DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE. BIG CROWD HAS HAPPY TIME.

The Eleventh annual Masonic ball "Has come and went," leaving behind fond memories of a pleasant and happy evening. It was easily the prettiest party of the season and

The Invisible Guest



"To save these children is a true obligation on every American family. Let each home take at least one starving child as its invisible guest."

—Herbert Hoover.

the largest in point of numbers.

The decorations were simple but effective. Intertwined about the balcony were sprays of pine branches.

At one end of the room was a large Masonic emblem and at the opposite end a large Eastern Star chapter emblem.

There were handsome wicker floor lamps scattered about beneath the balconies, together with easy wicker chairs and rockers.

There were many handsome gowns worn by the ladies that, intermingled with the conventional black suits worn by the gentlemen, made the party very picturesque.

Everybody seemed happy and everything went off in a very pleasing manner.

Clark's orchestra of eight pieces furnished the music. They were stationed beneath the balcony at one side of the room.

At each corner of the musicians' station were tall corinthian columns supporting globes of the earth, emblematic of the Masonic order.

At about 11:00 o'clock a grand march was formed. This was headed by Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

The marchers went thru a number of very pretty movements. This feature seemed to be well enjoyed by the guests.

The ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter served refreshments of delicious sandwiches, coffee, olives, cake and brick cream. Long banquet tables were spread in the basement hall.

These were adorned with vases of pink and white carnations.

The party lasted until about 2:00 o'clock. There were many guests present from out of the city, among whom were many old residents that had come back to spend the holidays.

The party was a grand success in every way, including the financial end of it. It will net a little profit which will be used toward the decoration of the Masonic banquet room and kitchen.

GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE.

Program for Week

Advance program beginning Thursday, December 30th.

THURSDAY EVE.

The Great Accident—Tom Moore.

A Snub Pollard Comedy.

FRIDAY EVE.

Way of a Man with a Maid—Bryant Washburn.

Fox News.

SATURDAY EVE.

The Leopard Woman—Louise Glaum.

Star Boarder (Comedy).

Special Matinee at 3:30; Evening 7:00 and 9:00.

SUNDAY EVE.

Polly of the Storm Country—Mildred Harris Chaplin.

International Weekly.

MONDAY EVE.

Children of Destiny—Selsnick Pictures.

TUESDAY EVE.

Spirit of the Good—Eileen Percy.

Slipping Feet (Comedy.)

Fox News.

WEDNESDAY EVE.

The Lost City No. 4.

(Comedy) and Movie Chats.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT BUREAU JANUARY 25.

Plans Will be Made for the Building Up of the Tourist Traffic.

Discussions for developing and extending the tourists and summer resort business in Northeastern Michigan will be one of the big features of the annual meeting of the Northeastern Michigan Development bureau, to be held in Bay City January 25 and Secretary Marston is making an effort to get every person who is interested in this big asset of this

LEGISLATIVE BILL AFFECTING RURAL SCHOOLS IS READY.

If Passed It Will Make One Unit of All Districts Under One Board.

The department of public instruction at Lansing has prepared a bill to be introduced in the state legislature at the coming session which will affect Crawford and every other county in the state. It is an amendment to the present law governing commissioners of school and rural district.

The bill provides radical changes of present methods of conducting business in the district schools which are considered of a progressive nature, having been drawn by a committee of educators who have made a study of the school laws in various other states and chosen the best features found in them together with the portions of the laws of this state.

The purpose of the sponsors of the bill is to create a unit system in each county to be controlled by a board of education consisting of five members to be appointed by the board of supervisors. The measure, however, does not change the present district system of the location of school buildings, but it will provide for proper support to the sparsely settled portions of the county.

The board of education shall be selected at the October session of the board of supervisors—one member for two years, two for four years and two for six years, and shall be non-partisan in character. This board shall have the appointment of a county superintendent and assistant superintendent, and possess the power to fix the salaries of these officers.

It also provides that the state shall pay \$1,500 of the county superintendent's salary and \$1,000 of the assistant's compensation. The actual and necessary traveling expenses of the members of the board of education and a per diem of \$5 for each meeting fee not to exceed 12 meetings in any one year, the necessary contingent expenses for printing, postage, stationery, record books, telephone, and such other expenses as are necessary in the discharge of their official duties, shall be audited and allowed by the boards of supervisors or the county board of auditors.

The secretary of the board shall file with the county clerk a certified itemized statement of the expenses of each member of the board and such other expenses as may be deemed necessary by the board of education to be incurred under the provisions of this act. The expenses and per diem of said board and the expenses of the superintendent and the assistant superintendent as provided for shall be paid by the county treasurer in the same manner as is provided by law for the payment of county officers.

The term of county superintendent shall be four years. He shall have authority to nominate teachers employed by the school boards in districts with a population less than 10,000.

FREE METHODIST ANNOUNCEMENT.

We wish to announce our quarterly meeting, beginning with next Friday evening, December 31st, which will also be a watch meeting.

Saturday afternoon at 2:00 the business services will be conducted, with preaching service at 3:00 and again at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Sunday morning at 9:30, Love Feast. Preaching at 10:00 and again at 7:30 in the evening.

Rev. J. W. Archer will preside and conduct the services.

WIDDIS IS OUSTED BY COURT RULE.

Circuit Judge Fred W. Brennan Tuesday of last week in the Flint court issued an order for the disbarment of Judge Albert L. Widdis, of the twenty-third judicial circuit. The order resulted from a petition filed a year ago by Assistant Attorney General G. E. Converse, asking that Judge Widdis be prohibited from the practice of law, alleging that he was neither a citizen of the United States nor 21 years old when admitted to the bar in Genesee county in 1891.

Proceedings for the disbarment of Judge Widdis were started in circuit court April 20 last. Subsequently Judge Widdis appeared before Judge Brennan in a motion that the petition against him be dismissed. This was denied and he petitioned the supreme court for a dismissal. The supreme court also denied the petition and sent the case back for trial before Judge Brennan. The hearing occurred several months ago, Judge Widdis acting as his own attorney. Briefs were then submitted by the attorneys for review by Judge Brennan before the giving of his decision.

It is understood that the disbarment of Judge Widdis will automatically remove him from the bench and leave a vacancy in the twenty-third circuit, comprising the counties of Alcona, Iosco and Oscoda. Legal experts seem to think his removal will not effect any of the decisions handed down during his tenure, but this question remains to be determined.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS.

We have a little more floor space left for the storage of cars. If you cannot leave your car here for storage, at least bring in your battery. We also can recharge your batteries and now is the time to have it done.

We have skilled mechanics for overhauling all kinds and makes of cars. We guarantee our work.

Burke's Garage.

WILL COLLECT TAXES.

Treasurer Geo. W. McCullough states that he will be at the office of the Register of Deeds at the court house for the collection of taxes for the Township of Grayling beginning Monday, December 13, from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily. He will collect dog taxes as well as other taxes.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness and aid during the illness and death of our child.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nicolls, and Family.

To Our Patrons

As the year 1920 passes into history we desire to extend to you these few and simple words of genuine appreciation of your splendid support during the past twelve months.

No order has been too small to merit our warmest thanks. No act of courtesy to us has been overlooked. All have their place in the green spot of our memory.

We extend to you the warmest greetings of the season, and bespeak for you and those dear to you the ultimate measure of happiness and prosperity during the coming year and the years to follow.

May fortune deal as kindly to you in the future as you have dealt with us in the past, is our earnest wish.

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AMERICAN LEGION MASQUERADE BALL.

The American Legion Post No. 106 of Grayling will give on January 19th, the largest Masquerade ball ever given in this city.

The American Legion is entirely an ex-service man's organization and as yet are not financially situated, whereas we can carry on the organization without the help of the people of Grayling.

The masquerade ball is to be given not only as the annual Legion ball but also for the purpose of raising enough money to keep us going. We intend to canvass the town in sale of tickets, which will be \$2.00 and

would appreciate the purchase of one by you. We hope the people of Grayling will lend us a good supporting hand in the keeping together of a soldier's organization.

American Legion, Post 106.

NOTICE OF GRANGE MEETING.

There will be installation of officers of Crawford County Grange on Saturday, January 15. All members and officers are requested to be present. Also there will be a report from the delegate to the State Grange meeting held in Grand Rapids. Plans are being made to serve an oyster dinner at that time.

12-30-3. Elmer Ostrander, Master.

AN APPEAL

During the Christmas week several families were found without sufficient clothing and bedding for this cold weather. Anyone having anything to donate to these poor people in our own community will kindly leave with Miss Margaret Jensen in Salling Hanson Company's general store. Any clothes which your children have outgrown, also shoes and wearing apparel for grownups will be thankfully received and will be distributed to the needy by the committee.

Crawford County Chapter,
American Red Cross



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The mechanics in our shop who will adjust or repair your Ford car, or Ford truck, are men who understand the Ford mechanism and who know the Ford way of making repairs and replacements. They are experienced Ford mechanics and because of their familiarity with Ford cars can do your work more intelligently and more quickly than can other skilled mechanics who lack Ford experience.

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Webster=Man's Man

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Author of "Cappy Ricks," "The Valley of the Giants," Etc.

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CHAPTER XII—Continued.

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"Santos!" Webster replied smiling. "That scoundrel makes a game out of an otherwise sure thing. However," he added, recalling the note received from Ricardo Ruy just before his departure from Buenaventura and reflecting that to be forewarned is to be forearmed, "we'll accept the gamble. That rascal can't live forever, and he may be eliminated before he causes us any trouble."

"What will it cost us to get this mine on a paying basis, Johnny?"

"Well, back home, I'd figure on spending at least \$100,000; but I dare say, taking into consideration the low cost of labor in Subraute and the raw, natural resources of power and timber right on the ground, we ought to put this deal over for \$50,000 at the outside. Prudence be, I have cash enough to do the trick without calling in any help, and such being the case, we'll not waste any time but hop to the job in a hurry and make the fur fly."

"Right, Jack. What's the program?"

"Well, first off, son, I'm not going to stay in this country and lose myself managing this mine. That's your job, because you're young and unimportant in your profession and have the ability to get away with the job. You can afford to spend the next 15 years here, but I cannot. I can only afford to come down here every couple of years and relieve you for a vacation."

"That's the way I figured it, Jack."

"All right then, Bill, let us start in by giving you your first vacation. If you're going to dig in here and make the fur fly, you've got to be in tip-top physical condition—and you are thin and gaunt and full of chills and fever. Just before I left Buenaventura I cashed a draft for \$5,000 on my letter of credit at the Banco Nacional, and placed it to the credit of your account there."

"Tomorrow morning you will take your horse, one pack mule, and one mule and ride for San Miguel de Padua, where you will take the train for Buenaventura. In Buenaventura you may do what you please, but if I were you, boy, I'd try to get married and go back to the U. S. A. for my honeymoon. And when I finally hit a town that contained some regular doctors I'd let them paw me over and rehabit me and overhaul my bearings and put me in such nice running order I'd be firing on all 12 cylinders at once."

"And when I was feeling tip-top once more I'd wire old John Stuart Webster and tell him so, after which I'd stand by for a cable from the said thoroughbred inviting me to return and take up my labors."

"Billy's wan yellow face lighted up like a sunrise on the desert. 'I guess that plan's kind of poor,' he announced feelingly. 'You're right, Jack. I'm in rotten condition and I ought to be right before I start. Still, if I should arrange to get married before I leave, I'd like mighty well to have a good man and true see me safely over the border.'"

"That's nice, son, but I haven't time to be your best man. Arranging the honeymoon lets me out, Bill. I'm in a hurry to finish here and get back, so the sooner we both start our prospective jobs the sooner we'll finish. Have a quiet little marriage, Bill, without any fuss or feathers or voices brooding over Eden. What are the odds, provided you get hitched before that town of Buenaventura. The sewer system is bad; it's rotten with fever, and you'd better get that girl out of it, P. D. Q., and the quicker the better. Myself, I prefer to stay up here in these mountains in a temperate climate where there are no mosquitoes."

"Billy says that Webster was serious and would resent any interference in his plans. 'All right, Jack,' he asserted, 'You're the boss.'"

"Fine. Now, Bill, you listen to father and be guided accordingly. When you get to Buenaventura, wire theingham Engineering Company of Denver, using my name, and tell them to add to my order given them last month and held for shipping directions, 12 dozen picks, 12 dozen shovels, 12 dozen mattocks, six dozen axes, brush knives, a big road plow, and whatever other things you happen to think of and which would come in handy when building our road. Also, when you get to New Orleans buy a search three-ton motor truck. We'll need it for getting in supplies from San Miguel de Padua. Pay for the truck also, and if you go broke and cannot reach me by cable, wire Neddy Jerome at the Engineers' Club in Denver and kick his eye out in my honored name."

"I guess that's about all of your job, Bill. As for me, I'll camp right here. I'll have a deal of surveying to do and I plan to sweat the booze out of that Cappy person. I'll make Don Juan my chain man and run the tail off him. Then I'll be busy with preliminary plans, arranging for labor and so on, and when I'm idle I'll go hunting."

In conformity with this plan, therefore Billy said good-by to his friend and packed out for San Miguel de Padua bright and early next morning. During the following ten days Webster managed to keep himself fairly busy around the camp at the mine; then for a week he hunted and fished, and finally, when that began to dull on him, his agile mind returned to business and the consideration of the possibility of a blow to Billy's title to the claim; whereupon he suddenly decided to return to Buenaventura and investigate that title fully before proceeding to throw dollars at it and lose.

At the head of his little cavalcade, therefore, he rode out one morning for the railroad, whereat providence, in its inscrutable wisdom, ordained that on route he should fall in with no less a personage than Don Ricardo Ruiz, now Andrew Bowers. Ricardo was mounted, armed, and alone, and at sight of Webster he shouted with delight and spurred toward him.

"What the devil! You, Rick, the government cut-up. What are you doing in these parts?" Webster rode up and shook hands.

"Oh, I'm Robin Hooding it around this part of the country. It is so secluded, you know, and Santos hasn't any friends or any telegraph lines or any garrisons up this way. I heard in San Miguel de Padua that you were camped yonder, and I was on my way over to confer with you on matters of state. Met your friend, Geary, at El Buen Amigo a couple of weeks ago, just before he sailed for the United States. He was telling me you had to have a lot of tools for road building, so I cabled in a secret cipher to the Sobrante revolutionary junta in New Orleans to ship these tools to you immediately. They arrived on the last trip of the Atlanta and now repose in Leber's warehouse waiting for you to call and remove them."

"You scoundrel! What have you sent me?"

"A couple of hundred rifles and three machine guns, branded axes, picks, shovels, plows, and so on. I also ran in three cases of ammunition, labeled grindstones, two more cases disguised as bolts, and quite several thousand labeled nails in kegs. I should feel rather sorry for you if my friend, Santos, should get suspicious and investigate, but I haven't any fear that he will. You see, he knows you're here on legitimate business. He has investigated and learned that you are a bona fide mining engineer of considerable reputation—and then, you know, your friend, Geary, dickered with him for the concession. The mining property you are about to develop belongs to the people, not to Santos; yet he has bartered it away and will divert the royalty to his own pocket instead of the public treasury."

"Hum-m-m! What do you want me to do with all those munitions consigned to me?"

"Arrange with Leber to keep them there until you get ready to build your road into the mine. I want them there when my American mercenaries arrive in Buenaventura. By the way, you are going to import these mercenaries for me. They are American miners and road builders in the employ of the Honda Mining & Development company, which is to be the name of your enterprise. I hope you'll like the name, Webster. I picked it out myself."

"You cool scoundrel! You're making cat's paw out of me."

"That is because you happen to be so handy for my purpose. You see my plan, do you not? I'm going to attack Buenaventura from within and without. I'm going to come down on Santos like a wolf on the fold, and the job is scheduled for next Saturday night at once."

"Look here, Rick, my boy, I have no desire to mix in the politics of this country."

"You have some desire, however, to mix in its wealth," Ricardo reminded him.

"Well?"

"I'm the only man that can help you. By the way, do not order your machinery shipped until after I am seated firmly on the throne of my fathers."

"Why?"

"It's been framed with Santos to let you spend your money on that concession and get the mine in running order; then a fake suit, alleging an error in the government survey, will be filed. It will be claimed that the concession given your friend, Geary, is, by virtue of erroneous government survey, the property of a citizen of Sobrante. The courts here do as Santos tells them. You are to be kicked out, ousted, and despoiled, and your nicely equipped little mine will be taken over as a government monopoly and run for the benefit of the government, to-wit, Santos and his satellites. We had to cook up a dirty deal like that to save your life. Of course, now that I have warned you in time, you



Mounted, Armed and Alone.

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are safe. We schemed a proposition, however, that worked both ways. It enabled us to save you and to save us, by permitting the shipment, free of suspicion, of arms for the rebels that are to attack the city from within. Naturally I had to cache these arms within the city—and that was a hard problem until you happened along. Thank you, my father."

"My thanks are due you, Ricardo. I'm for you, first, last, and all the time, and against this Santos outfit. By the way, how do you propose moving your machine guns?"

"We'll have to carry them, I guess. 'Well, I'll have a small auto-truck delivered in Buenaventura by that time. You might arrange to armor it with sheet steel; and with a couple of machine guns mounted in it, and a crew of resolute Americans behind the machine guns, you could capture from one end of the city to the other and clear a path for your infantry."

"Thank you, my friend. I'll borrow the motor truck and arrange to armor it. That's a bully idea. Are you bound for Buenaventura now?"

Webster nodded. "Then," Ricardo suggested, "I'll meet you in my room at El Buen Amigo next Wednesday night at 11 and explain the details of my plans to you if you care to hear them. I think they're all right myself, but somehow I think I'd feel more certain of them if you approve them."

"I'll be there, Rick, and the day you run that outlaw Santos off the grass you'll know why I am for you."

"Good-by, old man. You will never know how grateful you have made me."

Ruey shook hands with Webster and rode off through the timber, leaving John Stuart Webster to pursue the even tenor of his way, until at length he arrived once more in Buenaventura and sought accommodations at the Hotel Mateo. And there, as he entered the lobby and gazed through a glass door across the patio and into the veranda, he saw that which disturbed him greatly. In a big wicker rocker Dolores Ruy sat, rocking gently and busily stitching on a piece of fancy work.

Billy Geary went back to the United States, and Dolores was still in Buenaventura. Amazing! Why, what the devil did Billy mean by letting her have her own way like that? Of course, they hadn't been married, or she would not now be out there on the veranda, and, of course, they hadn't quarreled, because that was an impossibility, and, of course, Billy had departed alone for the U. S. A., else he would have returned to their camp in the hills back of San Miguel de Padua.

"Well, I know what I'm going to do," Webster decided. "I'm not going to be led into temptation while Billy's not on the job—so I'll not put up at the Hotel Mateo after all. I'll just sneak around to El Buen Amigo and fix it with that old Mother Jenks and try to get my presence in town to Dolores Ruy until I can get the lay of the land and see what the devil has happened to all my well-laid plans."

He retraced out the front door and called a carriage, into which he was about to step, bag and baggage, when Don Juan Cafetero came rushing up in great excitement. "Sure, where are you going now, son. Is there no room for ye in the Hotel Mateo?"

"Their beds have jiggers in them, and I just remembered that," Webster fibbed. "Hop in, John, and we'll drive around to Mr. Geary's lodgings in El Buen Amigo."

"But I came through the patio just now," Don Juan explained, "and who should I meet but the young lady?"

"You infernal scoundrel! Did you tell her I was in town?"

"Sure I did, son. And?"

"None of your infernal business. You've spoiled everything. You're a mud-headed monkey and I've a great notion to let you get drunk again. Take the baggage back into the hotel."

Don Juan Cafetero, gruffly humbled and rebuffed, stopped aside and watched Webster stride back into the hotel. "God love ye, son," he murmured, "knowin' what I know, is it likely I'd let ye make a monkey out of yer or yerself? Ye made yer plans with Mister Geary without consultin' her. Now go, ye grand big devil, and find out why she kicked yer scheme to smithereens." And with a solemn and knowing wink at the duflie bag, Don Juan picked that article up and followed after his master.

CHAPTER XIII.

John Stuart Webster's agile brain was the repository of many conflicting emotions as he bathed, shaved, and changed from his soiled khaki field clothes to a suit of ducks before presenting himself before Dolores.

Had Billy's courage forsaken him at the last minute, with the result that he had gone back to the United States without having settled the question of Dolores' future? Had he proposed and been rejected, or had he proposed, been accepted, and had his plans for an immediate marriage vetoed by Dolores?

In either event, why had Billy failed to leave a note for him at the Hotel Mateo, or mailed him a letter to the Globo de Oro at San Miguel de Padua, advising him of the change in the plan of action outlined for him by Webster?

In the simplicity of his single-hearted devotion Webster was puzzled to understand how any woman in her right mind could fail to fall in love with Billy Geary. A man he was, from heels to hair, and a man with prospects far above the average. To Webster's way of thinking, the girl who

married Billy might well count herself fortunate.

Dolores greeted him with unaffected pleasure. "Well, Caliph!" she said. "Just that. It made Webster sensible of a feeling of having returned to her after an absence of several years. 'I'm so glad to see you, Miss Ruy,' he replied, and added boldly, 'particularly since I didn't expect to.'"

She knew what her reply would lead to; nevertheless, with that dissimulation which can only be practiced in perfection by a clever and beautiful woman, she answered with equal boldness: "Indeed! Pray why?"

"Well, for a pretty good reason, I think. A few weeks ago, after examining Billy's concession very thoroughly, I told him he was a potential millionaire. Now, while I disclaim any appearance of bragadocio, when John Stuart Webster, E. M., makes any untrue owner a report like that, he is apt to be taken very seriously. And having made Billy a potential millionaire and arranged to give him three or four months' vacation back home, I had a notion he'd present to you a very valid reason why you should accompany him."

"You are very frank, Caliph."

"That's because I'm curious. He had a certain dream, and told me about it, and I did my little best to make it come true."

"I think I understand, Caliph. It would be very difficult, I think, for anybody to meet Billy without being attracted toward him. He's one of



"Well, and Why Didn't You?"

the dearest, most lovable boys in the world—and he did do me the signal honor of asking me to marry him. So there."

"Well, and why didn't you?"

She smiled at his blunt insistence on forcing the issue. "For a number of excellent reasons, Caliph. In the first place, he wanted me to marry him immediately—and I wasn't ready to leave Subraute, while Billy was. Indeed, it was highly necessary that he should leave immediately, for the sake of his health, and I had Billy's interest at heart sufficiently to insist upon it. You seem to forget that when a girl marries she must make some preparation for the event, and if she has any close relatives, such as a brother, for instance, she likes to have that relative present at the ceremony. You will recall, Caliph, that I have a brother and that you have promised to introduce me to him very shortly."

"By Judas, I never thought of that, Miss Ruy," the repentant Webster answered. "In fact, I wasn't thinking of anybody's interest in this matter but Billy's."

"Not even of mine, Caliph?" reproachfully.

"That goes without saying. Could I have done anything nicer for you than fix it for Billy so he would be in position to marry you? Here you are, practically alone in the world—at least you were when Billy met you and fell in love with you—and I know that boy so well I was convinced, after meeting you, that his future happiness and yours would best be conserved if you married him. I realize this is a most unusual conversation—"

"Quite to be expected of an unusual man, Caliph. And I do not think you were one bit presumptuous. It was wonderfully dear of you, and I am profoundly grateful that Billy and I have such a true, unselfish friend, whose first thought is for our happiness. Of course, you realize how bad I felt to think I couldn't accede to Billy's plan. Billy's heart is a dear, it quite broke my heart to disappoint him, but a little temporary unhappiness will not ruin Billy, will it? It makes me feel blue to talk about it, Caliph."

"Not at all, not at all, Miss Ruy. Billy is one of the impulsive, whirlwind kind, up in the clouds today and down in the slough of despond tomorrow. He'll survive the shock. However, I'm glad to know everything will come out all right. Seeing you here gave me a momentary chill; thought a cog had slipped somewhere, so I helped myself to Cupid's license and asked. A man cannot learn very much from a woman unless he asks questions, can he? I mean on the subject of love."

She smiled a little, wistful, knowing smile. "No, Caliph," she answered seriously. "Somehow the Master of Things ordained that on the subject of love man must do all the talking."

"Yes, but on the other hand, woman has the last word—as usual. However, the only thing in your case and Billy's that worries me is the thought that since Billy left his magnet behind he will be drawn back here before he is in the kind of shape, physically, that I want him to be in before he relieves me on the job so I can go away."

"Do not worry on that point, Caliph. I am your ally there; between us both I think we can manage him."

"Fine business! And with those few kind words we'll dismiss William until you care to talk about him again, although if you're as deep in love as

Billy you'll not stay off the subject very long. Hope you haven't been into mischief."

"I haven't been idle. I've made several dresses for Mother Jenks and done a lot of fancy work and begun the study of my mother tongue. If my brother should become president of this country, it would be his sister not to be able to speak Spanish. By the way, Billy told me you were going to remain up in the hills quite a while yet. What brought you back to town so soon?"

"Expected I'd have some freight arriving shortly."

"How long will you remain in Buenaventura?"

Considering the fact that he was no longer subject to temptation, since the object of his temptation was now definitely promised to his friend, Billy, Webster suddenly decided to remain until the political atmosphere should be cleared, although prior to his conversation with Dolores he had cherished a definite plan to go back to the hills within 48 hours.

"I'm going back," he replied soberly, "after I have kept my promise and introduced you to your brother in the government palace. If I cannot introduce him to you there, the title to our mining concession will be clouded, in which event it will not be necessary for Billy or myself to fuss with it further."

He related to her the information gleaned from her brother two days previously.

"It's no use for an individual to fight a government despot in courts controlled by the latter," he concluded. "Your brother must win and depose the Santos; then with the title to the property certified by the government as without a flaw, I may dare to spend \$50,000 developing it."

"And if my brother doesn't win?"

"I may never have an opportunity to present you to him. We mustn't be squeamish about this matter, Miss Ruy. If Ricardo doesn't turn the trick, he may go the way of his father, unless he can manage to get out of the country."

She was silent, digesting this grim alternative. "As I understand it, then, Caliph, Ricardo hopes to win his revolution when he strikes the first blow."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

NO LANGUAGE QUITE PURE

Words Expressing New Ideas and New Things Are Passed From Nation to Nation.

If by "a pure language" is meant one that does not contain words adopted from another language, then there are none among civilized nations. A language is not something made to order, and that once made ends there so far as development is concerned. A language grows in many ways. Take modern English for example. It differs considerably from the English of the time of Queen Elizabeth, and it is so different from the language spoken in England at the time of the Norman conquest that could one of those old Saxons come back he would not understand us and we would not understand him. And yet the language he spoke is the basis of modern English. Since the time of the Saxons there has been great growth. The Normans brought in French, and scholars since then have brought in thousands of words derived from Latin and Greek. These are English words today, but the roots from which they sprang are to be found in other and in many cases in other languages. It is because of this that the English vocabulary is so extensive and the language so expressive.

Italian, Spanish and French are largely derived from Latin, which was the language of ancient Rome, and for centuries Rome was the ruler of continental Europe. And the Latin borrowed from the still older Greek.

A living language is always growing. For example, science is introducing new words to express new ideas and to name new things.

The Beard in History.

The beard, considered a sign of manhood, was stroked for the first time in Paradise by Adam, if tradition is to be believed, and has had a strange part in the world's history of vanity and fashion ever since. History says the kings of Persia plaited their beards with golden thread, and that the winged bulls of Assyria also had beards. Saladin's son, Turkish historians say, wept for fear when he saw the shaven envoys of the Crusaders.

Razors made of flint and oyster shell were used in prehistoric times when man gave way to the first demands of vanity. The greatest benefactor of barbers in the world's history was Alexander the Great, who shaved himself to preserve his youth, and had his army shaved to prevent the enemy seizing their beards. He set a fashion that was followed by the Greeks, the philosophers by profession alone being exempted. This custom adopted by him has come down through the centuries.

Melon Tidbit of Antients.

Melons were first extensively cultivated in France early in the seventeenth century, but were known to the ancients from the commencement of our era. The Egyptians grew them. They are said to have been carried to America by Columbus, and to the Malay archipelago by the Portuguese. No other fruit is so variable in foliage and habit, or undergoes so many metamorphoses by crossing its varieties, all of which are fertile. They are grown extensively in Asia, but little care is bestowed on their cultivation, and they consequently never improve. They grow on sandbanks left dry by the falling rivers; if near a town a portion of the crop can be sold, but most of it is valueless, as it rots if taken any distance by cart or boat.

Chronic Insomnia.

"A woman," observed Mr. Henry Peck, "is never so sleepy at night as when she hears friend husband snoring at the front door keyhole, and never so wide awake as when he is trying to tiptoe up the stairs."—American Legion Weekly.

Some people get so tired by doing nothing that they are never able to do anything else.

DAIRY FACTS

POOR COW IS LIKE LAZY MAN

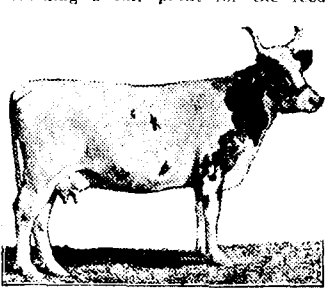
"Boarder" Should Be Discarded Forthwith and Replaced by Profitable Producer.

How many dairymen would keep a hired hand on their place who got up when he felt like it, worked when he felt like it, and did just as he pleased? Such a hired man would be a losing proposition and the man who would keep him would soon become bankrupt.

On the other hand, how many dairymen are keeping boarder dairy cows that produce just as little milk as they feel like producing, with little or no profit to the owner?

A dairymen cannot afford to keep a man that does not do more work than he is paid for doing. Neither can he afford to keep a cow that does not return more money to him than he puts into her in feed and labor.

How many cows in your herd are returning a fair profit for the feed



Easy Matter to Permit Cows to Decrease in Milk Flow but Hard to Bring Them Back.

consumed and how many are returning little or nothing or even costing money to keep? The profit made from a cow depends upon the amount of butterfat produced and the cost of producing same. Monthly records and the Babcock test will detect the boarder cows. Why waste time and money on cows that do not pay for their keep?—W. E. Spangler, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.

SALT ESSENTIAL IN RATION

Material May Be Supplied by Mixing With Feed, or It May Be Left in Convenient Box.

Practical observations and scientific investigations have shown that salt is essential in the ration of a dairy cow. From one to three ounces per day is needed, depending upon the amount of milk produced. According to Babcock's investigations at the Wisconsin experiment station, a cow needs one ounce per day per 1,000 pounds live weight with an additional 0.10 of an ounce for each 20 pounds of milk produced. Salt may be supplied by mixing the proper amount with the feed, or it may be placed in some convenient place where the cow can get at it daily and take such amounts as her appetite demands. Many dairymen prefer to place a lump of rock salt where the cow can lick it at will. This is really cheaper and there is less work. But, however you feed it, don't forget that the cows must have it—not once every week or two, but at least each second day and each day is better.

FEEDING COWS SAWDUST

The facetious statement, repeated in a joking way, "Put green goggles on the cows and fool them by feeding sawdust and shavings," is apparently not going to be necessary in future to feed them that product. It has been found by experiment that sawdust from non-resinous soft woods can be used, but it first must undergo a process of treatment with certain acids, which change a part of the dry matter into carbohydrates. However, the low protein content of sawdust as a feed would not augur well for its future use.

GOOD DAIRY HEIFER RATION

Missouri Station Recommends Alfalfa and Corn With All the Silage She Will Eat.

One of the cheapest and best winter rations for the dairy heifer, according to the Missouri station, is an average daily of about six pounds of alfalfa hay, two pounds of corn, and silage will (this means on the average about twenty pounds daily). This kind of ration has kept the heifers growing at just about the right rate to make the best kind of mature cows, and yet the expense has not been unduly great.

HIGH COST OF COMMODITIES

Killing of Calves for Veal and Spaying of Heifers to Fatten for Beef is Cause.

That the killing of so many calves every year for veal, and the spaying of heifers and fattening them for the block, is responsible in a large measure for the present high prices of certain food commodities, there can be no question.

Something Wrong With Cow.

When a cow has the dairy type to a reasonable degree and is not proving profitable, there is some good reason for it.

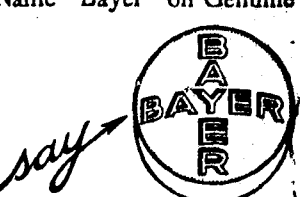
Size of No Consequence.

The size of the cow has little or nothing to do with the cost of milk and butterfat production, as has been proved by experiments.

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USERS SWEAR BY IT

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"I've taken two bottles now and it is wonderful, that's all. I can eat anything now and my stomach is in good condition. I'm continuing to take it a while so I won't be weak and have a relapse again because I don't want to ever go through what I did again. It was my fault. I let myself get weak and had and then caught that awful Grippe. I gave Hypo-Cod to my two daughters too and I wish everybody could see how I built them up. None of us have colds or coughs any more. We don't need rough scrubs in the house. It did everything they told me it would do at the drug store and I'm doing my housework again. It gave me new ambition and stopped me from spitting up blood and coughing. My little girls are feeling fine now, too," declared Mrs. H. Jasin, 554 Reepelle St., Detroit, Mich.

If you are suffering from weakness, a general rundown system, or a bad cough, go right down to the drug store and get a bottle of Hypo-Cod that quickly puts you back on your feet, feeling fine in just a few days, according to the statements of users. Druggists, chemists and experts assert that this tonic is the best of its kind on the market. Read the formula on a bottle. Take home a bottle with you, note how nice it tastes and how quickly it does the work.

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CONDENSED CLASSICS

DON QUIXOTE

By MIGUEL DE CERVANTES

Condensation by
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Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, a novelist and dramatist, was born in 1547, the son of a Spanish druggist and surgeon. He died in Madrid in 1616, 10 days before Shakespeare's death. As a youth Cervantes went to Italy, where he served as a private in the army. In a naval battle off Greece he was twice wounded, his right hand being permanently maimed. While returning to Spain he was captured by pirates and taken to Algiers, where he was held as a slave for five years.

After his ransom he wrote many plays. They brought him more fame than fortune, and he added to his responsibilities by wedding, at the age of thirty-seven, a girl of nineteen. It was evidently a marriage of love, as her dowry consisted only of "five vines, an orchard, some household furniture, four beehives, 45 hens and chickens, one cock and a crucible." As he could not live by his pen Cervantes secured a minor government position, but he was in constant difficulties because of pressing debts and his unbusinesslike habits. He was thrown into prison for debt, released, he sank into abject poverty.

Part of "Don Quixote" was probably written in jail. This novel, a magic mirror that reflects nobles and kitchen wenches, barbers and ladies of high degree, all the varied life of a brilliant period, is considered by many to be the world's greatest humorous masterpiece. The wonder of it is that it was written by a man nearing his sixtieth year, who had all his life been poor, who had known little except misfortune. "Children turn its pages, young people read it, grown men understand it, old folk praise it."

IN THE sixteenth century romances of chivalry, written in absurd, exaggerated style, were extremely popular in Spain. A dignified gentleman by the name of Quixada, who lived between Aragon and Castile, went crazy over these foolish books, which he spent all his substance in buying. His brain was stuffed with enchantments, quarrels, battles, challenges, wounds, magic salves, complaints, amours, torments, giants, castles, captured maidens, gallant rescues, and all sorts of impossible deeds of daring, which seemed to him as true as the most authentic history. Every inn-keeper was a magician; every mule-driver a cavalier.

He decided that for his own honor and for the service of the world, he must turn knight-errant and jaunt through the world, redressing wrongs, rescuing captured princesses, and at last winning the imperial sceptre of Trapezus.

He changed his name to Don Quixote de la Mancha, got himself dubbed knight by a rascally publican, whose inn he thought was a castle with four turrets crowned with pinnacles of glistening silver. In order to carry a full purse he sold one of his houses, mortgaged another and borrowed a goodly sum from a friend. When his practical housekeeper and his pretty niece, together with his neighbors, the barber and the curate, thought to cure him by burning his books, he was persuaded that his library had been carried away by a necromancer, and became crazier than ever. He scoured up a rusty suit of mail which had belonged to one of his ancestors, mended the broken helmet with a pasteboard vizor, patched with thin iron plates, and thus accoutered set forth on his old hack Rocinante, whose ribs stuck out like the skeleton of a ship, accompanied by a rustic named Sancho Panza, persuaded into serving as his squire.

Their departure was a brave spectacle: the tall, cadaverous, lantern-jawed knight, mounted on his bony nag, wielding his long lance and carrying his sword, his eyes gleaming with enthusiasm and dreaming of his beautiful mistress, whom he called Dulcinea del Toboso; the short, squat, paunch-bellied, long-haunched servant with a canvas wallet and a leathern bottle, mounted on the diminutive ass, Dapple.

On the plains of Montiel stood a score of big wind-mills. Don Quixote took them for outrageous giants and prepared to do battle against them, and despite Sancho's protests that their huge arms were only vanes, he plunged the rowels into Rocinante's thin flanks and with couched lance, dashed off to the encounter. The wind blew violently and the knight and his steed were whirled away into the field, where they lay motionless and as if dead; his lance was smashed to splinters. Sancho hastened to the aid of his master and found him unable to stir; but he was soon ready to go on again.

Their next adventure was with two monks, riding on mules as big as dromedaries, in company with a coach in which sat a lady escorted by men on horseback. Don Quixote imagined that adventurers had captured a

princess and in the haughtiest terms bade them release her. Then, without further parley he drove against the monks, one of whom ran away while the other fell off his mule. Sancho nimble slipped from his ass and began to strip the luckless man; while he was engaged in this legitimate appropriation of the spoils of the battle, two muleteers of the train overtook him, tore out his beard by handfuls, mauled him and left him senseless. Don Quixote engaged in a terrific combat with one of the lady's guard who sliced off half of his helmet and one of his ears. Undaunted the knight pressed the combat to victory, but just as he was about to give the finishing stroke, the frightened lady begged him to desist and he complied on condition that the defeated opponent should go and present himself before the peerless Dulcinea, who was in reality a buxom woman known through all la Mancha for her skill in salting pork and who had never deigned to look at her amorous neighbor.

A few days later, bruised and battered in unfordward adventures, they came upon a flock of sheep which Don Quixote conceived to be a prodigious army composed of an infinite number of nations led by mighty kings. He spurred like a thunderbolt from the top of a hillock, shouting his battle-challenge, putting the hapless sheep to flight and trampling both the living and the slain. Impatient to meet the commander of the enemy he shouted: "Where, where art thou, haughty Alifanfaron?"

At that moment the shepherds rallied in defense of their flocks and overwhelmed the unlucky knight first with stones and then with cudgels, leaving him in a desperate cage, with nearly all of his teeth knocked out, or loosened, and his ribs half broken.

Did this adventure discourage him? Not at all. It was all a part of chivalry. He and Sancho rode on in dolorous discourse. They were overtaken by night and had no shelter or food. Suddenly appeared a band of about twenty horsemen, all in white robes, with torches in their hands and followed by a hearse draped in black. It was the funeral of a gentleman of Segovia; Don Quixote took it to be the train of some knight either killed or desperately wounded, and, assured that it was his duty to avenge the misfortunes of a brother-in-arms, halted the cortege and demanded an explanation. The replies of the clergyman failed to satisfy him and he flew at them in high duce. Encumbered by their robes they became easy victims and all took to flight.

They possessed themselves of the edibles deserted by the clergyman, but, unfortunately, had nothing to drink, nor did they dare stir from the forest because of the awful clamor made by a fulling-mill which Don Quixote supposed to be enchantment.

The next morning they met a barber riding on an ass and wearing his brass basin on his head to save his hat from the rain. Don Quixote recognized this as the golden helmet of Mambrino and flew at the enemy as if he would grind him to powder. The barber fled, leaving his helmet which Sancho appropriated, though it seemed to him merely a common dish.

They came to another inn. In the night Don Quixote, while sound asleep and dreaming, enjoyed the most famous battle of his career. Dressed in a short shirt which exposed his lean, long, hairy shanks, and wearing a greasy red nightcap, with a blanket wrapped around his left arm for a shield, he was repeatedly plunging his sword into the plump bodies of several giants. Their blood flowed across the floor in wide, crimson streams.

Imagine the wrath of the worthy inn-keeper at discovering that his famous guest had disemboweled all his wine-sacks, which were made of goat-skins with the heads left on.

After this Don Quixote was got home by the curate and the barber; but he broke loose again. First he visited his Dulcinea, but came away convinced that through more enchantment she had been changed into a blubber-cheeked, flat-nosed country wench, the pearls of her eyes into gallnuts, her long golden locks into a cow's tail and her palace into a hut.

He had adventures with strolling actors and lions; he attended the rich Camacho's wedding; he explored the deep cave of Montesinos; he rode on a magic bark and visited the nameless duke and duchess, through whose complaisance Sancho was granted his ambition to rule over an island and did it with wisdom worthy of Solomon. Many more adventures followed, but at last Don Quixote returned to his home and recovered his senses on his death-bed, dying as a lovable, high-minded, noble-hearted gentleman.

Cervantes' masterpiece is not all satire. Don Quixote has lucid moments; Sancho's simplicity veils common sense, often expressed in witty proverbs. There is occasional coarseness, but not so much as in Shakespeare. The chief fault is its fondness of insanity. In its author's treatment for cruel and brutal, practical jokes, which may perhaps explain the maintenance of bull-fighting as the national amusement of Spain.

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Miss Fortune Had Been There. Editor (to unsuccessful artist)—None of these drawings suit me—but cheer up! Dame Fortune will come to your door one of these fine days. Artist—She'll jolly well have to knock, then. Her daughter, Miss Fortune, has wrecked the bell!

ONE MILLIONTH OF AN INCH.

Steel gauges accurate to the incredible fineness of a millionth part of an inch are now being made in quantities at the United States bureau of standards. So extraordinarily precise is the method of manufacture, simple as it is, that in one instance 31 diamond gauges out of a lot of 63 were absolutely accurate to .000,001 inches, and the balance all within .000,002 inches of precision, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The gauges are steel disks.

PAPER BACKING.

To paste new paper backings on framed pictures, the paper, cut to the proper size, should first be floated in a pan of water until it is entirely wet. The paste should be applied to the frame, and the paper, from which the actual drops of water have been wiped, should be pressed into place upon the frame. As the paper dries it will shrink, making it a smoothly stretched backing.

The AMERICAN LEGION

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HONOR TO MINNESOTA WOMAN

Dr. Helen Hughes Hiescher Is Chosen State President of Women's Auxiliary of Legion.

Approximately four hundred delegates from all parts of Minnesota attended the first state convention of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion in Minneapolis. The meeting marked the beginning of the national organization of the auxiliary, which is expected ultimately to bind together about ten million women, the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of former service men of the World War. The delegates at the Minnesota conference represented about 6,000 members of the 113 units of the auxiliary in that state.

The convention adopted a state constitution modeled after the tentative constitution previously used by auxiliary units, and voted to "dedicate themselves to the cardinal principles of the Legion."

Officers elected were: Dr. Helen Hiescher, president; Mrs. E. A. Lewis, first vice president; Mrs. Myrtle Getz, second vice president; Mrs. O. B. De Laurier, historian; Mrs. George H. Barber, representative on the national executive committee.

Miss Pauline Curmeck, representing the organization division of national headquarters, addressed the convention, outlining the plans and aims of the organization.

Kansas members of the women's auxiliary will hold their state convention January 10 and 11, and other states are expected to take similar action in the near future.

WARSAW, POLAND, HAS POST

All Members Are Ex-Service Men Now on Duty With the American Red Cross.

A post of the American Legion with 40 members has been formed in Warsaw, Poland. All the members are ex-service men who are now on duty with the American Red Cross. The post was organized by Charles Phillips of New Richmond, Wis., head of the publicity department of the Red Cross in Warsaw, and has the following officers: H. H. Hall of McDonald, Pa., commander; Lee D. Rowe of McAllen, Tex., adjutant; Frank R. McKennay of Richmond, Me., treasurer.

Commander Hall, who served in France with the Three Hundred and Seventh supply train, is chief of stores for the Red Cross in Poland. Rowe, who was in the medical detachment of medical supply train No. 412 in France, went to Poland a year ago with the United States army typhus expedition.

Posts of the Legion also are now being formed in Jerusalem, Palestine and in Peking, China.

MOST POPULAR AT CARNIVAL

Marie Balzarini Carries Off Honors at Contest Conducted by Windsor Terrace Post, Brooklyn.

Miss Marie Balzarini of Brooklyn, N. Y., was voted the most popular girl in a contest held during a week's carnival of Windsor Terrace post of the American Legion. The popularity contest, which is becoming a favorite pastime among Eastern posts of the American Legion, has been the means of boosting the financial standing of several posts as well as affording amusement for the members and their friends.

NO TIME FOR "BLUE LAWS"

Indications Are That Legion National Officers Will Not Take "Positive Stand."

"Blue law" agitation is apparently obnoxious to a large number of members of the American Legion, according to expressions of opinion received in letters at national headquarters. National officers have been called upon to take a "positive stand," particularly against those who would do away with the cigarette.

"As individual citizens and voters our membership can support or oppose what it sees fit," said one national officer of the Legion, "so long as they conform to our national constitution. I think the veteran, however, is against intolerance. The national organization of the Legion has no time for this controversy, however. We have our hands full in our effort to make life what it should be for the disabled."

To Deal With Draft Evaders. Steps toward the proper procedure for dealing with suspected draft evaders by the American Legion have been taken by Robert A. Adams, national judge advocate of the Legion. Mr. Adams wrote to Maj. Gen. E. H. Crowder, provost marshal general of the army, for information concerning just what action the Legion should take in regard to numerous reports which are received at national headquarters about draft evaders. General Crowder replied that all information concerning slackers should be forwarded direct to the adjutant general of the army.

NEGLECT OF DISABLED MEN

Legion's Investigation Shows Lack of Attention to Men Who Suffered Terrors of War.

Investigations by the American Legion reveal shocking conditions of mismanagement and neglect in the government's treatment of disabled veterans, according to reports of the Legion's findings made public by F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander. The Legion has launched a nation-wide fight for the correction of these conditions, which Mr. Galbraith has described as "a blot and a disgrace on the name of our country."

More than 20,000 veterans are still in hospitals suffering from wounds and infirmities suffered in their country's service. Many of them have been there since they were brought back from France on the hospital ships. Their number is increasing at the rate of 2,500 a month, due mostly to the development of tuberculosis among men who were gassed. Statistics show that more than 500,000 men were discharged with disability rating higher than 10 per cent. Experts agree that the peak in hospitalization will not come for five or ten years. Yet, government hospitals at present are filled to overflowing and even contract arrangements are not being made rapidly enough to care for the ever rising tide of disabled men whose conditions demand hospitalization.

Certainly, there is no lack of willingness on the part of the American public to do all in human power to aid those who paid the price for the victory. The same experts who estimate that the peak of the problem will not come for five or ten years say in the meantime \$5,000,000,000 must be spent in its solution. The government has not been niggardly. More than \$500,000,000 already has been spent. Mismanagement is the gist of the Legion's charge. Lack of vision and foresight and the ever-present governmental red tape is blamed as responsible for the death of disabled men before aid could reach them, for the incarceration of disabled in jails and insane asylums, and the charity wards of public hospitals where they received the same treatment as paupers.

In addition to its activities in advocating reform in the conduct of the government bureaus, the American Legion has dedicated itself to the tremendous task of "humanizing" the dreary lives of 20,000 disabled buddies who are patients in the hospitals all over the country.

Every Legion post in this country has been assigned to the definite job of taking care of a certain hospital where former service men are patients. The Women's auxiliary also will be mobilized to share in the work and civic and philanthropic organizations in the hospital towns will be enlisted.

There is also the dangerous possibility that the hospital patients, remaining day after day with no interest other than their physical condition, will become bitter against the country which once honored them and which apparently has cast them aside. In several hospitals, Bolshevik agents have distributed inflammatory literature by ingenious methods, of which an example is the disclosure of the printed matter in bouquets of flowers. In one case discovered by Legion investigators the propaganda was entitled: "You fought for America and what did you get out of it?" And indeed, it does seem that the sick veteran got little out of it except a short period of popularity, the consciousness of having done his duty and a tainted and diseased body.

"The 2,000,000 who are their buddies," said the Legion's national commander, "and are banded together in the American Legion, are determined that the hundred million shall not forget. In this work of giving the disabled man a fair deal and making him content we shall ask the co-operation of every loyal American. We fought together and we will stick together."

Colonel Whittlesley, leader of "Lost Battalion," Backs Off From Motion Picture Machine.

Although Colonel Whittlesley, an active member of the American Legion, led the famous "lost battalion" through the Argentine and was one of the 54 Americans who won the blue rosette of the congressional medal of honor, he told "Patty" Arbuckle that he would be "sared to death" if placed before a motion picture camera.

"You can starve a man; you can wound him with bullets," said Colonel Whittlesley during a recent visit to a Hollywood movie studio with the portly comedian, "but you can't dim his love for the movies. Just a few hours after my boys of the Three Hundred and Eighth Infantry had landed in a safe billeting area on being relieved from their perilous position, the whole bunch were in a 'T' hut watching a five-reel comedy."

In These Days. "Who's the boss here?" asked a traveling salesman as he stopped at a farm with a set of the World's Best Literature in 12 volumes.

"He is," replied the man at the door wearily, pointing to the hired man loafing hard in a field. "I'm only his employer."—American Legion Weekly.

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NUMBERS IN 1920.

1920 is one of the few years in the
 course of time that the Avalanche
 has been called upon to publish 53
 issues. This issue completes its 42nd
 volume, the first number of which
 was published January 1, 1920, and
 the last one December 30, 1920, and
 one edition on each Thursday thru-
 out the entire year, making in all 53
 issues. Thus our subscribers will get
 one extra copy for good measure.

We are pleased to state that our
 list of subscribers has had a steady
 growth. There has been a demand
 for the Avalanche which fact is alone
 responsible for its increased circula-
 tion for no soliciting has been done
 nor premiums offered with which to
 buy subscribers to take the paper.
 Thus its growth is substantial and
 permanent. Our community is not
 large and the newspaper patronage
 limited, however it has been the pol-
 icy of this paper to give the public
 as good a newspaper as the com-
 munity could or was willing to sup-
 port. How well we have done we
 will leave our readers to be the judge.
 It is not always easy to manufacture
 news. Unless things occur that are
 of interest and deserving of being
 chronicled in a newspaper there will
 be nothing to write about and there-
 fore not much news. At other times
 there are many events of impor-
 tance and then it is hard to find room
 in our columns to put them all. The
 general spirit and enterprise of a
 in our columns to put them all. The
 general spirit and enterprise of a
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 ing patronage; they are fast grow-
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 ifying results and good returns on
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 our merchants and not against them
 and to gain from them a co-opera-
 tion that is assuring of progressive
 team work and productiveness.

Here are our best wishes for a big-
 ger and better Grayling.

RIVERVIEW NEWS.

Miss Doris McLeod is spending her
 vacation at home.

Freddie Bromwell came home from
 Grayling Tuesday sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mutton of Bay
 City is spending the holidays with
 Mr. and Mrs. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ingersall re-
 turned from Alabama. After spend-
 ing two weeks there things did not
 look favorable to them so they re-
 turned to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrette had Xmas
 dinner with Mr. and Mrs. McLeod.

Jim Stevens is cooking in Mr.
 Matt's camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weldon have
 returned to Flint.

Mr. Gus Matt attended 12 o'clock
 mass in Grayling Friday night.

Miss Josie Stevens spent Xmas at
 home.

A Xmas tree and entertainment
 was held at our school house Friday
 night and an enjoyable time was had
 by all. The children were well trained
 and each rendered their part well.
 After the good night song was sung
 and presents presented to the owners
 the crowd joined in singing old fam-
 ilar songs and Mr. and Mrs. Atwell
 gave some fine music on the violin
 and organ.

ELDORADO NUGGETS.

Frank Richardson lost a valuable
 horse last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartman and
 family spent Christmas at the home
 of Mrs. Hartman's parents, Mr. and
 Mrs. James Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellman Knight and
 family were guests at the Geo. Pear-
 sail, Sr. home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and
 little daughter are holiday guests at
 the home of Mrs. Jones' parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pearshall, Jr.,
 of Toledo, Ohio, are spending the
 holiday with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burpee spent
 Christmas at the Wehnes home.

Sidney Hodges, who has been here
 for the past week, returned to Mt.
 Morris Tuesday.

The Royce school closed for the
 season Monday on account of cold
 weather.

"Phwat was the last card of dealt
 ye Mike?"
 "I spade."
 "O! knew it. O! saw ye spit on
 your hands before ye picked it up."

ALICE CALHOUN



The rise of Alice Calhoun as a
 "movie" favorite has been rapid. She
 is one of the latest to be added to the
 growing list of motion picture stars.
 Originally Miss Calhoun was a Cleve-
 land girl, and her education was re-
 ceived in that city. Her present home
 is on Riverside drive, New York city.

Beauty Chats

By EDNA KENT FORBES

A DAINY SKIN

A BEAUTIFUL skin will do more
 than any one other thing to make
 a woman beautiful. For a beautiful
 skin is the barometer of health and
 well-being, if it is clear with a soft
 coloring, it shows that digestion is
 good, that exercise, bathing, right
 living, have all helped to build up a
 healthy system. No amount of ex-
 ternal treatment can overcome in-
 ternal neglect.

Of course, many skins are too oily;
 these need to be washed at least once
 a day with soap and hot water, they
 need occasional steaming to remove
 superfluous oils; they must not be
 treated with cold cream. At least,
 they must have only a greaseless
 cream, if any. Other skins are dry
 in texture; these need a cream daily,
 and care just before exposure to sun
 or wind.



Never Let the Skin Become Harsh or
 Coarse in Texture.

One of the daintiest things to use
 upon the skin is a lotion made by
 shaking together equal parts of
 glycerine and rose water. The
 glycerine softens the skin, prevents
 it drying or chapping, helps to pre-
 vent freckles, makes the skin feel
 wonderfully soft. The rose water is
 simply a fragrant medium used to
 dilute the glycerine. The skin feels
 delightfully dainty after it is rubbed
 with this mixture.

Keep the skin clean, keep the di-
 gestion right—and forget your com-
 plexion. More harm is done by over-
 using cosmetics than by not using
 them at all.

A LINE O' CHEER

By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS

THE RED, RED RASH.

I never worry o'er the tricks
 Of Parlor Reds and Bolsheviks;
 For I've sped the country o'er
 From Eastern to the Western
 shore,
 From Canada to Mexico,
 And watched the human ebb and
 flow
 That lies between, and everywhere
 I've found my Brothers clean and
 With all about me plain in sight
 An Everlasting Urge for Right,
 Which proves to me the Bolshevik
 For all his dash
 Is but a roan
 Upon the Body Politic.
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THE GIRL ON THE JOB

How to Succeed—How to Get
Ahead—How to Make Good

By JESSIE ROBERTS

MODERN ADVERTISING

ADVERTISING today is very friend-
 ly to women. Women are doing
 a great deal of it and doing it well.
 There is no discrimination in that busi-
 ness—at least against woman per se.
 She gets paid for what she does, not
 for what she is.

There are many sorts of advertising,
 and women are in all of them. The
 artist who makes the pictures that
 make the ad go is about as often a
 woman as a man. And woman writes
 as many ads as her brother.

Some women already are managing
 advertising offices of their own, and
 many are acting as advertising agents.
 Some confine themselves entirely to
 one form of advertising, specializing
 on magazine or newspaper ads, or dis-
 play ads. Others take orders from
 any firm or individual and suggest the
 medium best suited, afterwards placing
 the ad where it will do the most
 good, in the form to which it is best
 adapted.

Many of the large firms that cater
 to the wants of women always have a
 woman on their advertising staff, for
 they realize that a woman will un-
 derstand how to talk to other women
 in a way to interest and convince them
 on subjects that are distinctly hers.

But advertising is not a hit-or-miss
 thing, which you can take up at a
 day's notice. Like anything at which
 people earn money, it takes time and
 hard work and training. There are
 fundamental principles that must be
 understood, there are intricate ques-
 tions concerning colors, types, ex-
 poses, effects on the eye or the ear,
 appropriateness. The woman who
 wants to become a successful adver-
 tiser, whatever branch she may choose,
 ought to know something, at least, of
 all branches. She should know the cost
 of producing what she draws or
 writes, she should know what types
 best suit her picture, or whether or not
 illustration will help her write-up.
 She must understand the psychology of
 advertising.

But here is a fine field for women,
 and one that is growing every year.
 America is the greatest advertising
 country in the world, and she is not
 slackening her pace. Modern adver-
 tising is telling the truth—the day for
 lies and exaggeration and misrepresen-
 tation is over—but it is also a ro-
 mance, and is endlessly interesting.
 Moreover, and this is not without its
 appeal, it is excellently well paid.
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Last Night's Dreams

—What They Mean

DID YOU DREAM ABOUT MUSIC?

TO PARAPHRASE slightly the
 poet:
 When the night is filled with music the
 cares which infest the day
 Shall fold their tents like the Arabs
 and as silently steal away.

For dream music, say the seers, por-
 tends good fortune to those who hear
 the phantom strains. When, through
 the world of the visions of night, wan-
 der harmonious melodies, happiness
 and money are hovering in the near
 future waiting for you. It doesn't mat-
 ter whether you dream that you are
 producing the music yourself or that
 you simply hear it—the answer is good.
 Among other things it indicates that
 you are shortly to receive news of a
 cheerful sort about a friend whom for
 a long time, you have neither seen nor
 heard from.

If you are as yet unmarried and in
 love it is a sign that your sweetheart
 is kind and true—there is a wedding
 and happiness ahead of you. To mar-
 ried people it indicates good-tempered
 children. If you hear some one run-
 ning over the scales, either on a mu-
 sical instrument or with the voice,
 something good will happen to you
 through pure luck.

As to a choice of musical instru-
 ments to play on a dream-guitar,
 singing at the same time, is especially
 favorable to lovers, though if you hear
 some one else playing the instrument
 watch out—you are too susceptible.
 Playing a dream-guitar is especially
 recommended to induce happiness in
 the family. A banjo is almost as good
 as a guitar, though if you simply hear
 the banjo instead of playing it your-
 self you may have some slight worries
 which will soon be over. A flute fore-
 tells a birth in the family, and an or-
 gan is an excellent omen unless it is
 a church-organ playing a dirge. In that
 case you may hear of something that
 will "make you tired," or of the death
 of a relative, say the pessimists. The
 optimists say a dream-dirge on a
 dream-organ in a dream-church only
 means a slight annoyance soon past.

The music from a dream-piano is an
 excellent omen—marriage for those in
 love, domestic happiness for the mar-
 ried and thrift and fortune for all.
 The worst that even the kill-joy ora-
 cles can say about dream-music is
 that if it is harsh and discordant some
 temporary vexations await you.
 (Copyright.)

A Male Characteristic.

"Men are all babies."
 "What's the matter now?"
 "I never knew one of 'em to have
 a pain who wasn't sure he was going
 to die."

LAW-MAKERS TO
DISCUSS STATE
CONSTABULARYMICHIGAN, ILLINOIS AND OHIO
WILL CONSIDER ENTIRE
QUESTION.Other States Likely To Increase Pay
of Their State Police Forces.

The State Police system will be a
 live legislative topic in at least three
 states at the present legislative ses-
 sion. These are Michigan, Illinois and
 Ohio. In other states the constabulary
 will be considered also but in a dif-
 ferent way.

Michigan, which has had a State
 Police since the need for such a force
 became imperative during the war, has
 before it the question of increasing
 the numbers of the troopers and giv-
 ing them broader duties. There has
 been a strong and growing sentiment
 in favor of such a measure as a means
 towards better and more economical
 administration of state affairs.

This program of more centralized
 administration has been discussed in
 the State Journal, of Lansing, and in
 other newspapers of the state. Un-
 doubtedly this plan will find form in a
 bill to be presented to the Legisla-
 ture whereby duties and powers now
 scattered among a number of com-
 missions and bureaus will be centered
 under the control of the State Police.
 It is argued that this plan will save
 the state a very large sum of money
 annually and also give more efficiency.

Inasmuch as this plan would abol-
 ish a large number of appointive po-
 sitions in the state government, it is
 to be expected that there will be
 strenuous opposition but most of the
 legislators are going to Lansing with
 the idea of economy strongly in their
 minds. It has been demonstrated by
 the citizens who have given study to
 the taxation problems of the state
 that the abolition of the State Police
 and the continuance of the other or-
 ganizations would cost the state more
 money and give loss in the way of
 results.

Sentiment Is Favorable.

During the past two months there
 has been a widespread expression of
 sentiment throughout the state with
 regard to the State Police. Four of
 the most important agricultural as-
 sociations, the Michigan State Grange,
 Association of Farmers' Clubs, Mich-
 igan State Horticultural Society and
 the directors of the State Farm Bu-
 reau, have passed resolutions favoring
 the continuance of the State Police
 and the widening of their duties. In
 each case there was full discussion
 before these resolutions were passed.

In a great many cities of the state
 similar resolutions have been passed
 by chambers of commerce and other
 commercial and civic bodies. Such
 resolutions have been approved in
 Lansing, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Flint,
 Pontiac, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek,
 Benton Harbor, Ionia, Saginaw, Bay
 City, Manistee and other cities. While
 these resolutions have varied in char-
 acter, they have been of the same
 nature, all recognizing the need of a
 State Police.

Among the state-wide organizations
 which have expressed themselves in a
 similar manner are the Anti-Saloon
 League, the Association of mutual au-
 tomobile insurance companies and
 the bankers of the southwestern part
 of the state.

Opposition to the State Police,
 which seemed for a time to be very
 well-organized and strong, has been
 less apparent recently. In three coun-
 ties where resolutions adverse to the
 State Police were adopted by the
 boards of supervisors, these resolu-
 tions have since been rescinded.

In Other States.

In Illinois and Ohio, where there is
 no State Police force at present, the
 Legislatures will be asked to provide
 for such a force. In Illinois the cham-
 bers of commerce of the state, with
 three exceptions, have asked for such
 action and the bankers also have pass-
 ed resolutions asking for a State
 Police. In Ohio the movement for the
 force is state-wide and depends largely
 upon the agricultural interests
 which have found that good roads op-
 ened highways for criminals as well
 as for law-abiding citizens.

In Pennsylvania, where the constab-
 ulary has been a success for many
 years, an increase of pay is asked for
 the officers and men of the force. In
 New York it is probable that similar
 action will be asked. California and
 Massachusetts, which have adopted
 the State Police system in part, will
 consider expanding their forces.

Our Want Ads Bring Quick Results.

All those desiring to take a course
 in Home Hygiene and care of the
 sick will kindly notify Mrs. L. J.
 Kraus at once, so we can arrange to
 have instructor come here in January.
 Frederic has already sent in twenty
 names but very few from Grayling
 have as yet advised us of their de-
 sire to take course—no doubt, they
 have forgotten to do so.
 Anna Nelson, Sec'y.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE AVALANCHE.

ASK REDUCTION
STATE EXPENSENINETEEN STATE INSTITUTIONS
ORDERED TO DISCONTINUE
PRINTED REPORTS.

DIGEST OF AFFAIRS REQUESTED

Board of Auditors Acting Under Au-
thority Given By 1919 Legislature
Under Act 120.

Lansing.—Initial steps in Mich-
 igan's new program to reduce expen-
 ditures were taken when the board of
 auditors ordered 19 state institutions
 to discontinue printing biennial re-
 ports. Instead of volumes of printed
 matter containing details of the in-
 stitutions, there will be prepared one
 typewritten copy to be filed with the
 governor.

The institutions so ordered are:
 School for Blind, School for Deaf,
 Farm Colony for Epileptics, Home
 and Training School, Industrial Home
 for Girls, Ionia State hospital, Kala-
 mazoo State hospital, Michigan re-
 formatory, Newberry State hospital,
 Pontiac State hospital, Psychopathic
 hospital, State sanatorium, Industrial
 School for Boys, Soldiers Home, State
 Public school, State prison, branch
 prison at Marquette, Traverse City
 State hospital and the Employment
 Institution for the Blind.

A digest of the affairs of these in-
 stitutions is contained in the annual
 report of the state board of correc-
 tions and charities, and the auditors
 agreed that this was sufficient in-
 formation. Further details could be
 secured from the complete typewrit-
 ten copy on file in the executive of-
 fice.

The cost of printing these reports
 two years ago was \$3,684.76 and the
 estimate for the report for the year
 ending June 30, 1920, is \$5,832.08.

The money-saving program also is
 being carried out among other institu-
 tions, boards and commissions. The
 report of the correction and charities
 board has been ordered reduced 140
 pages and similar orders issued to the
 labor board, public domain commis-
 sion and other state agencies.

The board of auditors is acting
 under authority given it by the 1919
 legislature in act 120. It was em-
 phasized by the members that there
 are thousands of pages of printed
 matter about these various agencies
 that cost huge amounts to prepare,
 but which are of little public interest
 and not closely read by the public.

BONUS PETITION CIRCULATED

Seek Approval of \$25,000,000 Bond
Issue Vote For Veterans.

Detroit.—Petitions designed to ob-
 tain for every soldier, marine, sailor
 and nurse who went to war from
 Michigan, a bonus from the state, of
 \$15 a month for every month they
 served, up to a \$250 maximum, and
 recommending a \$25,000,000 bond
 issue to raise the money, were placed
 in circulation.

Thirteen states have granted
 bonuses to date. Massachusetts did
 so while the war was on. North
 Dakota voted all veterans a bonus
 and set the maximum at \$500. All
 the New England states, New York,
 New Jersey, the Dakotas, Wisconsin
 and Washington have given bonuses
 in varying amount.

The Veterans' Bonus club of Mich-
 igan, which is directing the effort in
 this state, has set its objective at 85,
 000 names on the petitions by Decem-
 ber 25. If they lack that number on
 that day, an attempt will be made to
 introduce a bill at the coming session
 of the legislature.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accept-
 ed under this heading at the
 rate of 5 cents per line. No
 adv. taken for less than 25 cts.
 There are about six words to
 the line.
 SEND MONEY WITH ORDER.

BOY OR MAN WANTED TO BUILD
firs. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

LOST—A PAIR OF EYE-GLASSES
 with extra large heavy lenses and
 silver bows last Saturday, between
 Waters and Grayling. Owner, Mrs.
 Fitzgerald.

WANTED TO BUY—A LIGHT SING-
le harness. Grayling Box Co. tf.

REAL ESTATE BARGAIN—160
 acres 1 1/2 miles east of Grayling,
 down near the Au Sable river. I
 am too far away and will sell for
 \$5.00 per acre. Write owner, R.
 W. Tripp, Albany, Oregon. 12-23-3.

LADY WANTS HOUSEWORK TO
 do. Inquire of Finnish boarding
 house, South Side.

DOG LOST—AN AMERICAN FOX
 hound. Black and white. Two
 black ears, blue tick spots in the
 white. A large dog, weighs about
 70 pounds. Answers to the name
 Jack. Information of his where-
 abouts should be sent to Conrad
 Wehnes, Eldorado, Michigan.

FUR COLLAR WAS LEFT AT
 the office of Dr. Canfield. Owner
 please call there for same. 12-9-3.

GET INTO BUSINESS—WATKINS
 137 products, sell to every far-
 mer. If you own auto or team can
 give bond, write today for infor-
 mation where you can get territory
 for selling products of largest in-
 stitution of kind in world. Twenty
 million users. J. R. WATKINS
 CO. Dept. 111, Winona, Minn.

WE WISH YOU A

Happy New Year

May the spirit of good will and progressive co-op-
 eration be your guiding star to the most successful year
 you have ever known.

ALUMINUM WARE
and WHITE WARE

Coffee Percolators,
 Tea Kettles,
 Double Cookers,
 Frying Pans,
 Skilletts,
 Stew Kettles,
 Pails,
 Pots and Pans.

Handsome, sanitary
 and will last almost a
 life time.

Shaving Brushes,
 Measuring Rules,
 Squares,
 Spirit Levels, Etc.

HOUSEHOLD ARTI-
CLES.

Saws,
 Hammers,
 Screw Drivers,
 Chisels,
 Wrenches,
 Vises,
 Planers,
 Knives,
 Automatic Tools,
 Shears,
 Scissors,
 Tape Measures,
 Jack Knives,
 Hair Clippers,
 Paring Knives,
 Carving Knives,
 Bread Knives.

Besides the above articles you will find at this store a
 complete line of Hardware and Household neces-
 sities.

Salling Hanson Co.

Hardware Department.



HOW IVAN WON

IVAN was a poor boy, but a very
 ambitious one. His father was a
 blacksmith, and when the great lords
 would come by in their armor to have
 their steeds shod, Ivan would sit by
 the forge and gaze in wonder at their
 handsome array.

One day Lord Raymond rode up
 with his beautiful daughter accom-
 panying him on a pony. Ivan ad-
 mired the young girl as she sat wait-
 ing for her father's horse to be shod.
 "Have you heard the news, father?"
 asked Ivan's mother of her husband
 the next morning at breakfast. "Lord
 Raymond was last night called to the
 war by our king, and at noon today
 he and his 600 men will ride forth."

"But who will defend the castle if
 old Earl Edmond comes against it in
 the lord's absence?" asked the father.
 "I think there is small fear of that,"
 replied the wife.

So at noon the long line of prancing
 steeds, headed by the lord, rode down
 the road and was soon lost to sight.
 One September afternoon Ivan
 walked to the summit of a hill, from
 which he could see the surrounding
 country for miles. A flickering light
 caught his eye. There was a long pro-
 cession of men winding across the
 valley, and all were clad in glittering
 armor. They were keeping close to
 the shadow of the woods, but when
 they crossed the sunlit path their
 swords flashed back the light brightly.

At the head rode a huge man on a
 black horse and nearby another car-
 ried a banner on which was a black
 eagle.

"It is old Earl Edmond!" exclaimed
 Ivan. "He is coming to attack the
 lord's castle in the absence of the
 owner."

Then far below Ivan

A Greeting

To our many friends and customers we desire to extend the felicitations of the season, wishing for all a pleasant and profitable New Year.

Whatever of success we have enjoyed we can attribute to two causes: First, an earnest desire on our part to meet your every want in our line; second, upon your part a ready appreciation of our efforts and a generous and sustained support and patronage.

For your large share in our success we desire to thank you sincerely, and hoping our relations may ever remain as at present, we are

Yours to Command,

A. M. Lewis, Druggist

LOCAL NEWS

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 30.

A Happy New Year.

Rolla Hull made a trip to Saginaw Friday night.

Everything that happens in this world can't please us all.

Supt. Payne of the Frederic Schools was a Grayling caller Friday.

To stop advertising to save money is like stopping a clock to save time.

Edward King has resumed his old job as deliveryman at the Hans Petersen grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbison spent the yuletide with relatives in Lansing returning this week.

Miss Agnes Mayo returned to Bay City Sunday night after a ten days' visit at her home here.

Miss Maude Tetu of Bay City is home for the holidays visiting her mother Mrs. Laura Tetu.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Weir and little son are spending the holidays with their parents in West Branch.

Mrs. Frank Woodruff, son, Kenneth and daughter, Miss Ruth are visiting at the home of Clarence Brown.

Miss Blanche Blondin arrived Friday from Bay City to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Daniel Hoelsi and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lands had as their guest over Christmas, Mrs. Rye of Cheboygan, mother of the former.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Baker of Midland visited over Christmas at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jarmin and son Alton Bradford left Friday to spend Christmas with relatives in Bay City.

Miss Vera Cameron is home from Bay City spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King spent last week in Flint, visiting the former's brother, Clyde King and wife. They returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Graham of Detroit are spending the holidays, guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Hawthorne are enjoying a visit from the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hawthorne of Bay City over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Curtis and children, of Grayling, Mich., who are touring Florida, are in Tampa for a ten days' visit.—Tampa Daily Times.

Miss Grace Bauman left last night to visit friends in Detroit.

Toilet soaps, 20 cent values, special 3 for 25c. Lewis Drug Store.

George Burke was called to Toledo, Ohio, last week by the death of his father.

Miss Rae Joseph of Detroit was a guest at the home of her brother, A. J. Joseph Christmas day.

Donald Herrick of Detroit is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick.

Mrs. Don M. Howell returned Wednesday afternoon from Marshfield, Wis., where she had spent Christmas.

Robert Burrows of Flint has been spending the past week visiting his brother, Arnold Burrows and family.

Mrs. Dutcher of Lewiston spent a few days at the James Armstrong home coming in time for Christmas.

Prof. and Mrs. B. E. Smith are enjoying a vacation from the former's sister, Miss Eva Smith who is a teacher of music in the schools at Rochester.

Charles Craig and wife have moved here from Hargett, Mich., and will make their home in Grayling. Mr. Craig is employed permanently at the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Ellerson are enjoying a visit over the holidays from their daughter, Mrs. Elf Rasmussen, her husband and little daughter, Ellen Mae, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown had as their guests over Christmas the latter's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholson of Traverse City. They returned home Monday.

There comes a time when all men will be called upon to account for their sins in this world. But some, doubtless, will claim exemption on the grounds that they didn't keep any books.

The Frederic schools gave their Christmas exercises Thursday evening of last week and they were very much enjoyed by the public. A program of songs and recitations appropriate to the joyful occasion was nicely given.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen entertained the following guests over Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. William Pobursky and children of Detroit, Miss Nina Petersen of Oxford and Mr. Leo Tope of Flint.

Miss Matilda Cook of Saginaw and Harry Cook of Bay City are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cook over the holidays. The former left the fore part of the week for Saginaw, but expects to return again in time for New Year's.

E. C. Silverthorn, Eye Sight Specialist and Registered Optometrist, will be at the Shoppenagons Inn on Thursday, Jan. 20th. Eyes carefully examined and Glasses fitted. Extreme care given Children. One day only Thursday, January 20th. 1-6-2

Lawrence Roberts returned Tuesday from Cheboygan.

Miss Augusta Kraus received the big doll that was given away at the Sorenson Bros. store Christmas Eve.

Rev. C. E. Doty has been confined to his home for a few days with a slight illness. He is improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robertson are enjoying having their daughter, Miss Flavia home from Detroit for the holidays.

Axel Jorgenson of Detroit is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jorgenson over Christmas and New Years.

Charles Abbott came up from West Branch yesterday afternoon to be in attendance at the Masonic ball last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. James W. Moff of Lakeview, Mich., over the holidays.

Miss Helen and Emerson Brown enjoyed Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Edward Strehl and family, who reside in East Jordan.

Miss Hetty Balhoff was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. P. P. Mahoney over Christmas, returning to Bay City Sunday night.

Miss Gladys Everett and Mr. Claude Carver of Detroit were guests of Miss Everett's mother, Mrs. Rhoda Everett over Christmas.

Misses Florence Smith, Lois Bourasso and Genevieve Zettle of West Branch were among those who were in attendance at the Masonic ball last evening.

Bernard Sorenson and family of Flint are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sorenson. Herman Sorenson of Detroit is also visiting his parents.

Supt. P. G. Zalsman of the Grayling Fish Hatchery left yesterday on a business trip to Gladwin and Saginaw, expecting to return the latter part of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott and children, Hanson and Miss Helen, of Detroit are spending holiday week at the home of Mrs. Wescott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hanson.

Mrs. Adam F. Gierke is spending the week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Einar Rasmussen at Monroe, Mich. Mr. Gierke returned Tuesday morning after a couple of days' visit.

Miss Dorothy and Mr. Howard Peterson, entertained eight of their friends at a six o'clock dinner Monday evening in honor of their guests, Miss Grace and Clarence Soderquist of Bay City.

Mrs. Harvey Wheeler was called here to Bay City yesterday by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Coutermache. Last night a message was received that that lady had died at Mercy hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg were Christmas guests of Mrs. Raue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson. Miss Clara Nelson, who teaches in Johannesburg is spending the holidays at her home here.

Rex, age 6 months and 19 days, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Nicolls passed away at midnight Sunday after being ill the past three months with throat trouble. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Neil McDaniel was arrested last week by State police charging him with having in possession and selling intoxicating liquor. He is out on bail, having been bound over to the next session of Circuit court—January 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup and children of Detroit, and Miss Marion Salling, the latter who is teaching in Detroit, arrived the latter part of the week to remain over the holidays, guests at the Victor Salling home.

The Danish-Lutheran church held their annual Christmas tree and exercises at Danebod hall Monday evening and there was the usual large crowd as in former years, of grown-ups as well as little folks. All present reported a jolly time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Johnson and children of Bay City were guests at the Robert Reagan home over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Malenfant and daughter Miss Beatrice of Cheboygan are expected to spend day to spend New Year's at the Reagan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough enjoyed a short visit over Christmas day and Sunday from their daughter, Miss Bessie of New York City, and their son William of Detroit. Miss Bessie, who during the war was connected with the national Red Cross, is now with the National Social workers whose exchange is located in the eastern city. Will hold an executive position in the chemical laboratories of the Ford Motor works.

Emerson Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates of this city, arrived home Friday last from West Point military university. Emerson entered the university about 19 months ago and this is his first visit home. Of course he was glad to get here and no less happy were his parents to have him here. He is the third from our fair city to enter this university. The other two were Edward E. Hartwick and Will Manwaring. The former had attained the rank of major. He lost his life in service in France during the World war. Mr. Manwaring is an instructor at Sanford university. Of course the Bates family are proud to have a son enrolled in Uncle Sam's big university and quite as much so are the people of his old home town, where he was born and raised to young manhood. But few are privileged to enter this university and but few are qualified to do the work. The physical and intellectual requirements are high and the number of students is limited, thus but few are privileged to attend. The course of study requires four years after which the graduate must serve not less than four years in the regular army.

C. J. Hathaway, Optometrist of Pontiac, Mich., will be at his office, in the B. A. Cooley Jewelry Store, January 11th to 14th inclusive. Have your eyes looked after at that time.

R. H. Gillett was in Saginaw and Bay City first of the week on business.

Ray Owens of Detroit is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Schmidt.

Axel Peterson who is working in Mackinaw City, was home over Christmas.

Miss Flora Hanson of Detroit visited her mother, Mrs. Walter Hanson for a few days.

Gordon Chamberlin is home from Flint visiting his parents and friends over the holidays.

Chris Hemmingson is in Detroit the guest of his son Walter and family over the holidays.

Mrs. Robinson of Maple Forest had her two daughters of Detroit as guests over Christmas.

Miss Laura Simpson of Cadillac is the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. Simpson over the holidays.

Most of the stores about town are busy now after the Christmas rush with the annual inventory.

Miss Grace and Clarence Soderquist of Bay City are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Benson.

Miss Mollie Johnson arrived Friday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Johnson over the holidays.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be held at the Michelson Memorial church, Friday afternoon, Jan. 7, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Heric are spending the holidays with the former's sister, Mrs. Harry Shoemaker and family in Mackinaw City.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jerome and children of Pontiac are spending the holidays with Mrs. Jerome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Scholz returned Monday to their home in Saginaw after spending Xmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodge returned to their home in Detroit Wednesday after visiting over Christmas with their son, Ervin Hodge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Behlke have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gallup of Boston, Mass., the latter who is a sister of Mrs. Behlke.

The National Tailoring association announce that there will be no change in men's trousers. Shucks, there hasn't been any change in ours since Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and children of Oxford are guests over the holidays of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen and Mr. and Mrs. John Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trudo left Sunday night for Afton, Mich., to attend the wedding of a nephew of Mrs. Trudo. They also visited at their former home in Cheboygan.

Miss Mary Alexander arrived from Detroit the latter part of the week and expects to remain for the winter, a guest at the home of her brother, Geo. L. Alexander and family.

Mrs. F. M. Freeland was in Maple Forest for a week over Christmas, the guest of her daughter Mrs. Wm. Feldhauser and family. Mrs. Freeland has greatly improved from her illness.

Robert Roblin arrived Tuesday morning from Jackson for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Roblin coming to attend the Masonic ball that took place last evening.

The Misses Ula Mae and Vera Shier, former teachers in the Grayling schools, and who are spending the holidays in Wolverine are guests at the Geo. McCullough home. They came to attend the Masonic ball.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy, who is employed in Grand Rapids, and Miss Margaret Cassidy, who is attending a business college in that city were guests over Christmas of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy.

The regular meeting of local post American legion will be held next Monday evening January 3rd, in the I. O. O. F. temple. Every member turn out. Final arrangements for the Masked ball will be made at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mitchell are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon and family of West Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. John Vimer and little daughter of Detroit. Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Vimer are son and daughter of Mrs. Mitchell, and formerly made their homes in Grayling.

On our bargain counter we have several more or less damaged dolls, regular \$1.20 to \$1.50 values, now offered at 45 cents each. One lot of dolls with hair, slightly damaged, 15 cents each. Call early if you want any of these bargains.

Sorenson Bros. Messrs Frank Dreese and Fred Smith, who left Grayling the latter part of October and have been touring Florida, have returned and are visiting friends. They left Florida December 16th in Mr. Dreese's automobile and made Sparta, Mich., before the snow came, which is remarkable.

J. B. Abernathy, of Detroit, a railway mail clerk of the Michigan Central railroad was arrested here last week, the warrant charging him with violating the prohibition law by transporting, selling and having in possession intoxicating liquor. He was given a hearing and waived examination and was bound over to the next term of Circuit court. He was released on \$1,000.00 bonds, to appear in due time for trial.

Miss Olive L. Simons of Flint and Mr. Albert N. Miller of Dayton, Ohio were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Michelson Memorial church yesterday morning by Rev. C. E. Doty. The bride, who is a niece of Mrs. Rhoda Everett of this city, has made her home in Grayling the past couple of years and has won the friendship of many. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Flint to visit the bride's father, James Simons, after which they will go to Dayton to make their home, where Mr. Miller is a designer in the government aeroplane service.

We value your Friendship

Without friendship and confidence no business can succeed.

To the fact that we have been so fortunate as to command and hold your friendship, do we attribute the success that has been ours.

For your confidence we wish to express our gratitude; for your generous support and patronage, our sincere thanks.

With the assurance that in the years to come we will strive to increase your friendship and more fully merit your support, and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year we remain

Cordially Yours,

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mutton were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod of Birchwood, returning to their home in Bay City Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ketzbeck, who have taken up quarters in Bay City temporarily, while Mr. Ketzbeck is overseeing a contract job for the du Pont company of that place spent Christmas here with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Doroh and husband.

Mrs. Roscoe Collier and daughter, Dorothy of Marysville, Mich., are here for a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. A. Kraus and family, coming in time for Xmas. Mr. Collier accompanied them here returning Monday night to Marysville.

You can have lots of fresh air in your room and still keep out dirt and dust, rain or snow, if you use our Sanitary Cloth Window Ventilator. Only 50 cents. Phone 79 and we will send one to your home on approval. Do it now.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schreck spent Christmas in Pontiac with their daughter Mrs. Arthur McArthur and family. Other children of the Schreck family and their children also were gathered at the McArthur home, making it a most enjoyable family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann and children spent Christmas the guests of relatives in Grand Rapids, and also visited the former's father and sisters in Hastings. Mr. Schumann returned home Monday, the others will return in time for school next week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Ross N. Sparkes and husband of Detroit over the holidays. They also had as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers and little daughter Betty of Bay City, who returned home Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Jorgenson of Detroit visited over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson. Mr. Ralph Warner, also of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Helge Thorgaard of Bay City, the latter who was formerly Miss Medea Sorenson, have also been guests at the Jorgenson home the past few days.

Mrs. Ellen Failing had with her at Christmas time Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas of Saginaw and Miss Margaret Failing of Bay City, who all returned home the fore part of this week. Also Miss Wilda Failing arrived last Thursday from Gibbstown, New Jersey, and Percy Failing who is attending the U. of M. at Ann Arbor is home for the holidays. Miss Wilda has been making her home with her brother, John C. Failing of Gibbstown for over a year but expects to remain here indefinitely.

Tobias Rudolph, who has been employed as chemist at the local du Pont plant for the past couple of years, left today for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. He does not expect to return to Grayling.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Palmer are in receipt of sad news of the death of the former's only sister, Mrs. Emma Purdy, who died at her home in Keokuk, Iowa, December 12th. Mrs. Purdy had reached the age of 87 years.

Miss Agnes LaBrash of Detroit is here for a couple of weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBrash, also the Joseph Fogelsons and A. Christenson families of Flint are visiting at the LaBrash home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Routier and little son are guests over the holidays of Mrs. Routier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Bauman. Miss Margaret Bauman of Detroit and Miss Grace, who is attending the Knox school in Cooperstown, New York, also came home to enjoy the Xmas festival season at the parental home.

FREDERIC SCHOOL NOTES.

(Too Late for Last Week.)

The sixth graders are battling with fractions this week.

Remember the Christmas Entertainment December 23rd.

The fifth grade pupils are learning the States of the U. S. and their capitals.

Did you know that toys could be changed into real people? Come to our Christmas exercises and see.

The fourth graders are deep in the mysteries of letter-writing.

The victrola is in the Intermediate room this week.

Christmas program given in the Opera House Thursday eve, December 23rd.

Supt. Payne went to East Jordan last Friday Eve, to act as one of the judges in a debating contest between East Jordan and Charlevoix.

Our Basket ball team was defeated at Wolverine Friday evening. This makes a tie. Watch Frederic win next time.

Liland Smock and Harry Reynolds visited the High School Monday.

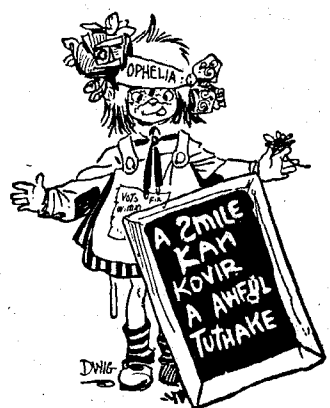
School closes Thursday for Christmas vacation and resumes January 10th.

Opal Smith, Elroy Barber, Edna Nelson and Verle Sheldon of the seventh grade have been neither absent nor tardy this month.

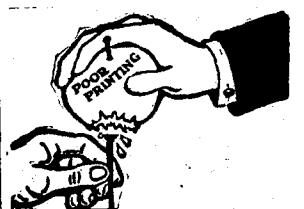
The following seventh graders have enrolled in the Junior Red Cross: Verle Sheldon, Bernard Callahan, Constance Gardner, Opal Smith. Come, seventh graders, let's make our class 100%.

Several of our High School pupils and teacher's enjoyed a dance at Wolverine last Friday night.

Knife vs. Wife.
"Most men," began the almost philosopher, "are aware that it is bad manners to eat with their knife, but lots of them also forget that it is sometimes good policy to eat with their wife."



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Greetings

TO ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

Greetings and good wishes cordial and hearty are here extended. We appreciate your growth in patronage and friendship. We extend sincere thanks for the trade that has made the past year a busy one, and that inspires our determination to deserve it the more.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

SORENSEN BROTHERS
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN
FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING

STATE NEWS

Albion—College students here gave \$1,340 for the famine stricken in Armenia and China.

Grand Rapids—Grand Rapids Chair Co. has increased its capital from \$300,000 to \$600,000.

Marquette—Joseph Bodette is dead of injuries suffered last week when he fell down stairs.

Caro—Ogden Atwell, veteran of the Civil war and resident of Cassady for 23 years, is dead at 84.

Escanaba—Articles of Incorporation have been filed by the Escanaba Chamber of Commerce.

Kalamazoo—A report of the public librarian indicates that Kalamazoo residents read more classic literature this year than ever before.

Howell—Fred Dyer, salesman for the Toledo Scales company on a lucrative salary, was convicted of burglarizing the store of Towney.

St. Clair—Dr. A. E. Thompson, 59, prominent in medical circles of this county, died suddenly here. He had practiced in St. Clair for 27 years.

Battle Creek—Glenn Yanke, 19 years old, is dead of injuries received when he was accidentally shot by Or. Mc Powers while the two were hunting.

Grand Haven—Emma Past has begun a suit for \$10,000 against George Richardson, Grand trunk yard foreman, charging alienation of Mrs. Past's affections.

Ypsilanti—The directors of the Board of Commerce have called for a referendum of its members on the question of adopting the city manager form of government.

Muskegon—The body of Oliver Zimmerman, 21, of Milwaukee, drowned in the wreck of the steamer Muskegon more than a year ago, was found in Lake Michigan.

Hastings—Officers have dismissed the theory of foul play in connection with the death of Fred McNair, 82 years old, who burned to death in his home a mile east of here.

Lansing—A woman may legally sit on a jury in a criminal trial in Michigan, the state supreme court ruled in dismissing the appeal of Harold Baritz against conviction.

Lansing—The state public utilities commission issued an order on the Pere Marquette railroad to build a passenger station at Muskegon Heights within six months.

Grand Rapids—More than \$800 worth of merchandise, including cameras, jewelry and silks, was taken from the home of Louis DeVenker by detectives following DeVenker's arrest for shoplifting.

Linden—Thieves entered the post office here and blew the safe, securing between \$75 and \$100 in cash. Wet blankets were used to muffle the sound and no clue of any kind was left by the robbers.

Bay City—A 12-acre camp site on the Kawkawlin River was given to the Bay County Boy Scouts by 17 Bay City business men as a Christmas present. The Rotary Club will build a lodge on the site.

Mason—Ingham County is one of the few in the state where there is an over supply of school teachers. Daisy I. Call, school commissioner, says there are 15 teachers for whom no schools could be found.

Escanaba—The body of J. Leo Vanlerberghe, local business man, drowned in Whitefish river, near here, while duck hunting, was recovered. Two men lost their lives in the tragedy. John H. Knutsen, a prominent Elk, also was drowned.

Pontiac—A motion for a new trial for Anson Best, convicted of the murder last April of Vera Schneider, telephone girl, who was strangled to death, was filed by his counsel. Best is serving a life term in Marquette prison. The motion is supported by six affidavits, four of which substantiate the claim of Best that his alleged "confession" followed abuse by officers.

Monroe—Harry Mathews was sentenced to serve seven and a half to 16 years in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson and Bishara George and Mike Robledo were each given five to 15 years in the same prison following their conviction on a charge of robbing the general store at Petersburg.

Saginaw—Members of the executive committee of the Saginaw county board disposed of the remainder of the peace chest of the board, by voting \$25,000 to the Home Relief fund, \$5,000 to the Near East Relief fund, agreeing to finance the boy scouts for the remainder of the year and the remainder, amounting to about \$70,000 was voted the Welfare league in the name of Phillips Elliott Hodges post No. 22, American legion.

Flint—One hundred and forty-five students received diplomas in the shop management course of the Industrial Fellowship league auto trade school and were given a banquet by the associated executives' clubs of the local motor plants. The course, which is said to be the first attempted in the United States, is designed to train factory employees for positions as foremen and other higher posts. Lectures were delivered in the course by general managers and other high executives of various local plants and business organizations.

East Lansing—Farmers' week at the Michigan Agricultural college, an annual event which has grown to be the greatest congress of agricultural in the state, will be held this year from January 31 to February 4. More than a dozen of the largest agricultural associations in the state will hold their annual meetings at East Lansing during the week. The State farm bureau, the Michigan Crop Improvement association, the Potato Producers' association, and the State Horticultural society are among the list.

Albion—Albion is planning a co-operative oil and gasoline station.

Manistee—P. H. Beauvais, city manager, resigned to become manager of Royal Oak.

Monroe—County supervisors purchased the Babcock residence here, for \$9,000, for use as a detention home.

Ludington—Fifty gallons of mash were seized in a raid here and Harold Larabee and George Tupstra were arrested.

Kalamazoo—Harry DeBleyker, of this city, killed in an automobile accident in New York last summer, left an estate valued at \$93,895.

Kalamazoo—Oscar M. All, Jr., 64, a lifelong resident, who was closely identified with manufacturing interests in Kalamazoo, is dead.

East Tawas—George Green, Detroit world war veteran, lost his right hand in a corn shredder at the farm of George Hadwin, last week.

Grand Rapids—The board of directors of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce has endorsed retention of Camp Custer by the war department.

Allegan—Leon Joslin, in circuit court, was awarded \$5,000 damages against Glenn Richards, both of Allegan, for alienation of Mrs. Joslin's affections.

Pontiac—The D. U. R. has settled the \$10,000 damage suit brought against it by relatives of Harry V. Sowles, 25 years old, who was killed by a D. U. R. car.

Munising—The Central High School building was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at more than \$100,000. The building was erected in 1907.

Hillsdale—A collection will be taken up among the children of the Hillsdale schools just before the Christmas vacation for the benefit of the Near East Relief fund.

Petoskey—Harry Wiseman and Mrs. Mary Moray, who are alleged to have eloped from Harbor Springs, have been placed under arrest at the request of the woman's husband.

St. Clemens—Mrs. Julia McArthur is suing Bernard Ross, of St. Clemens, and S. Rosen, of Detroit, for \$30,000 alleged due her in payment for the park annex here, sold by her in 1919.

Battle Creek—One dollar bill masquerading as tens were so skillfully erased and etched, that they found their way into a local bank. The notes are on the Chicago Federal Reserve bank.

Allegan—The John Harvard scholarship of Harvard University has been awarded to Garratt Mattingly, of this city. Mattingly was captain of the first military unit organized in the Kalamazoo High School.

Grand Rapids—Mrs. Abraham Donker, whom her attorney, Shelby B. Schurtz, says is in hiding in this city, has filed a demand in probate court for a jury trial in the proceedings brought by her husband to have her declared insane.

Mason—John Marshall, a Mason county pioneer and a member of Phil McKean Post, G. A. R., is dead here. He was retired recently from the rural mail service, having covered 87,000 miles in discharging his postal duties through many years.

Pontiac—Nineteen owners of lots in Royal Oak Township have obtained an injunction restraining officials of Ferndale from taking their property for a park. They claim the village condemned the property in a suit which they were not included among the defendants.

Grand Rapids—Because Kent county's general fund became exhausted, scores of court building employees were forced to wait for their semi-monthly pay checks until members of the finance committee could be assembled to approve of a \$25,000 transfer to the fund.

Albion—Mrs. Catherine I. Cool, of this city, was found dead in her home with the gas jet in her room wide open. The woman, who was 61 years old, was dressed in her best clothes when found. Pinned on the wall was a note requesting that she be given a private funeral and naming a list of seven people whom she wished to attend it.

Lansing—The oil painting of Governor Albert E. Sleeper, which will be presented to the state when the present executive retires, is completed and will be framed within a few days. Murray McKay, the artist, was born and spent part of his boyhood days in the Thumb district, the home of Governor Sleeper. The portrait is said to cost about \$3,000.

Flint—An order was made by Circuit Judge Fred W. Brennan for the disbarment of Judge Albert L. Wilds, of the Twenty-third judicial circuit. The order resulted from a petition filed a year ago by Assistant Attorney General G. E. Converse, asking that Judge Wilds be prohibited from the practice of law, alleging that he was neither a citizen of the United States, nor 21 years of age when admitted to the bar in Genesee county in 1891.

Ann Arbor—Beginning January 1, 1921, and continuing over a period of two years, all students in the literary college of the University of Michigan, who are unfortunate enough in their scholastic work to find themselves placed on the "warned" or probation lists, will be obliged to submit to a psychological examination, by the tests and measurements bureau. The results of such tests will be filed with the dean of the literary college. It is believed that such tests would be of great help to the administrative officers who deal with those who fail.

Calumet—The Postoffice Department is having difficulty in finding a new postmaster for Horju, Houghton County, according to word received from Miss K. A. Birk, secretary to Rep. W. Frank James. On the resignation of Joseph Hooking because he had practically nothing to do, a post-office inspector went to Horju and found that with the suspension of mining activities, there was no one left in town to receive mail. Horju has not been shown on maps for several years and few people in this county knew the town existed.

CENSORSHIP OF CABLES IS DENIED

BRITISH EMBASSY GOES DIRECT TO SENATE COMMITTEE WITH LETTER OF DENIAL.

STATE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED

Action Regarded As Rebuke to Embassy For Apparent Discourtesy to United States.

Washington.—The state department intervened in what threatened to be a controversy between the British embassy and the senate committee investigation of cable communications over the question as whether there is a British censorship on cable messages to the United States originating in the British Isles.

The department's action was regarded as a rebuke to the embassy for sending direct to Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, a letter denying testimony of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company that cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain were subject to delay and examination by British naval intelligence authorities.

Senator Kellogg said that in referring the matter to the state department he had acted on the advice of Fred Nielsen, solicitor of the department. With his letter to acting Secretary Davis the senator transmitted a copy of the letter received from the British embassy and also copies of the transcript of the testimony of Mr. Carlton and of John Goldhammer, secretary of the Commercial Cable company, charging British censors required submission of all American cable messages.

Senator Kellogg said that in view of these positive statements that a British censorship existed, he was asking the state department to inquire from the British embassy, despite its letter of denial, whether it was true that a censorship existed.

22 NATIONS IN WORLD COURT

Becomes Effective With Signing of Protocol By Parliaments.

Geneva.—Twenty-two nations signed the protocol giving executive approval to the league plan for an international court of justice.

Four countries—Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark and Salvador agreed to compulsory arbitration.

When the parliaments of the signatory nations ratify the protocol, the court will immediately become operative. Inasmuch as the majority of the nations signed only after consultation with the governments and parties the league officials believe that the approval of the parliaments soon will follow. The delegates who signed expressed the hope that the United States would at least give executive approval notwithstanding the fact that it is not a member of the league.

FAVORS EXCESS PROFIT TAX

National Grange Association Opposes Proposed Sales Tax.

Washington.—Notice was served by the national grange upon Senator McCumber, acting chairman of the senate finance committee and Representative Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee, that any attempt to shift the burden of taxation from the corporations to the consuming public will meet with strong opposition.

In other words, the national grange opposes a sales tax as a substitute for the excess profits tax. The views of the farm organization are set forth in a letter from T. C. Aitchison, its Washington representative, to Senator McCumber and Representative Fordney.

BAKER REPORTS LARGE DEFICIT

Blames Congress for Cutting Appropriations for War Department.

Washington.—The war department deficit for the present fiscal year is \$76,278,127, according to a statement issued by Secretary of War Baker. Secretary Baker stated that less than \$30,000,000 of this deficit is due to the recruiting of men in excess of the number 175,000 fixed by congress.

He stated that \$42,573,675.02 of the deficit is for pay, subsistence and transportation necessary for a force of 175,000 men and in accordance with estimates submitted to congress. The secretary states that the deficit results from cutting of appropriations by congress.

Plant's Profits To Employees.

Newbern, N. C.—Employees of the Newbern Iron Works & Supply Co., one of the largest plants of its kind in eastern North Carolina, are to receive all profits made by the concern above cost of operation. At a meeting called to discuss a disagreement over a 20 per cent reduction in wages, a suggestion by one of the employees that the workers be permitted to operate the plant and distribute the profits among themselves, was adopted by the company.

Powder Concern Official Arrested.

Wilmington, Del.—Charles P. Eastman, assistant treasurer of the Hercules Powder company, was arrested on a charge of embezzling securities from the company and was held in \$50,000 bail. In default of bail Eastman was locked up. The warrant was sworn out by Attorney General David J. Rehnhardt after officers of the company had said Eastman's alleged shortage had been made good and the company would not prosecute. Eastman has admitted the shortage.



MARION LEROY BURTON.

Ann Arbor.—A building program for the University of Michigan has been outlined by Marion Leroy Burton who assumed the duties of president of the institution at the beginning of the present term. Mr. Burton maintains that the improvements are essential if the university is to hold its prestige and the more than eight million dollar appropriation which has been submitted will be acted upon as soon as the legislature convenes.

UPPER PENINSULA FARMS GAIN

Increase of 3,234 While Lower Michigan Loses 10,313.

Marquette.—Michigan's loss of 10,313 farms since 1910, as shown by the 1920 farm census, is the fault of the Lower Peninsula, not the Upper Peninsula, statistics show. The 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula show a gain of 3,234 farms during the 10-year period. Only three counties show losses—Luce, Mackinac and Schoolcraft, with one, 11 and 60 respectively.

Here are the comparative figures for each of the 15 counties of Upper Michigan:

	1910	1920
Alcona	380	278
Alcona	653	478
Alcona	1,569	1,399
Alcona	1,395	1,128
Alcona	429	235
Alcona	528	257
Alcona	1,741	1,039
Alcona	621	381
Alcona	72	36
Alcona	194	195
Alcona	479	490
Alcona	825	651
Alcona	2,106	1,677
Alcona	917	371
Alcona	381	441
Totals	12,313	3,994

BANKS REDISCOUNT 2 BILLIONS

Report Bases Business on Sale of Agricultural Products.

Washington.—Federal reserve banks this year have rediscounted nearly two billion dollars worth of paper based on production and sales of agricultural products, according to figures submitted to Senator Gronna, chairman of the senate agricultural committee, by Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve board.

Governor Harding estimates rediscounts of this character in 1919 were approximately \$719,266,000. Governor Harding's estimates of agricultural rediscounts for the various districts were as follows:

San Francisco, \$89,000,000; Cleveland, \$1,753,000; Atlanta, \$230,000,000; Chicago, \$128,000,000; St. Louis, \$665,000,000; Minneapolis, \$225,000,000; Kansas City, \$229,000,000; Dallas, \$45,000,000.

WOMAN MUST SERVE SENTENCE

Mrs. Lipszinska Refused New Trial By Supreme Court.

Lansing.—Mrs. Stanislaw Lipszinska, of Leelanau county, must serve her life sentence for the murder of Sister Mary Janina at Isadore 13 years ago.

This is the decision of the Michigan supreme court, handed down on appeal made against her conviction and a new trial asked.

The court says: "She was given a fair trial; she has been convicted by an impartial jury."

WILSON PLANS FOR MARCH 4

President To Take Active Part in the Inaugural Ceremonies.

Washington.—President Wilson will participate in the inaugural ceremonies and will ride down Pennsylvania avenue with President-elect Harding, it was announced at the White House. Secretary Tumulty stated that he had discussed the inaugural plans with the president who had evidenced a lively interest in the ceremonies and had expressed a desire to participate in every way.

Man Ransacks Cardinal's House.

Baltimore.—A man believed to be demented was caught in the act of ransacking that portion of Cardinal Gibbons' home designated for the sexton. Several hundred police surrounded the cathedral, fearing that an organized effort was being made to loot that structure of some of the priceless interior drapings. The man gave his name as George O'Hara, and said he had come here from his home at St. Cedre, Canada, a few days before.

Life Sentence for Murderer.

Rockville, Md.—Charles Robinson, 16, Negro, was convicted in the Montgomery county court, of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged, for an attack several weeks ago on Mrs. Edith Heighman, wife of his employer. Robinson was charged with attacking Mrs. Heighman with an axe, assaulting her and then setting fire to her clothing. Robinson narrowly escaped lynching after the attack on Mrs. Heighman and has been held in jail for safe keeping.

Items Of Interest in World's News

Bay State Women Eligible.

Boston.—A constitutional amendment making women eligible to hold public office was adopted at a joint session of the house and senate by a unanimous vote.

Rockefeller Classified As Delinquent.

New York.—The government brought suit against John D. Rockefeller for \$292,678, charging that his income tax report was "incorrect, misleading and false."

200 Volunteer Wage Reduction.

Toledo, O.—Two hundred employees of the Toledo Bridge & Crane Co., volunteered to accept a wage reduction of 10 per cent rather than be thrown out of work.

Navy Enlistments Four Years.

Boston.—Men enlisting in the Navy must make a "hitch" of four years. Orders discontinuing enlistments of one, two or three years have been received at the Navy yard here.

Two Electrocuted in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb.—A long fight in the courts to save the lives of Alton B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer, condemned murderers, ended when both men were put to death in the electric chair.

\$1,967,023 Secured on Matches.

Ottawa.—Canada abolished its tax on manufactures last week. The automobile produced the most revenue under the manufactures tax, a total of \$6,161,755. Matches, on which the tax also was removed, brought in \$1,967,023.

Japanese Population 77,005,000.

Tokio.—Japan's population, as revealed by the census recently completed, is more than a million under the estimate. The total number of persons in the empire is 77,005,000, of which 55,960,000 are in Japan and 17,244,000 in Korea.

Baptists Raise \$2,500,000.

New York.—The general board of promotion of the Northern Baptist convention announced through General Director John V. Aitchison that it had paid its total underwriting of \$2,500,000 and interest to the interchurch world movement.

Oppose Anti-Strike Bill.

Washington.—Declaring farmers believe "strikes may be necessary to protect labor," George F. Hampton of the Farmers National council addressed a letter to leaders of both parties in congress opposing the enactment of anti-strike legislation.

Cabinet Officer's Son Killed.

Washington.—Walter H. Alexander, son of Secretary Alexander of the department of commerce, was killed instantly at Bolling Field here by the propeller of an aeroplane in which he was preparing to make a flight, striking him on the head.

\$250,000 Fund for Unemployed.

Victoria, B. C.—The government of this province is authorized to immediately begin spending \$250,000 for relief work in British Columbia among the unemployed. None of the money is to be given to the city governments but will be spent by the province.

Grain Stocks Heavier This Year.

Cleveland, O.—Stocks of grain at the Canadian head of the lakes are much heavier than a year ago. On December 17 the elevators in Ft. William and Port Arthur were holding 17,297,763 bushels and on the same date last year stocks were only 6,653,200 bushels.

Colby Welcomed at Rio Janeiro.

Rio Janeiro.—Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, arrived here, last week on board the battleship Florida from the United States. An enthusiastic welcome was given Colby when he landed. The warship was escorted by the Brazilian scout cruiser Rio Grande to Sul.

Roosevelt Assumes New Work.

Baltimore.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, of Hyde Park, N. Y., assistant secretary of the navy during the war and candidate for the vice-presidency on the Democratic ticket in the last election, will assume charge of the New York office of the Fidelity & Deposit Co., of Maryland on Jan. 1.

Movies for English Servants.

London.—Advertisements for servants in London reveal that moving pictures have been introduced in the homes of the wealthy to keep the help contented. Some rich Britons have built small theaters in connection with their homes and moving picture entertainments are given every evening for the servants.

Ponzi Now Song Writer.

Boston.—Charles Ponzi, whose slogan last summer of "50 per cent profit in 45 days" won him the confidence of thousands of investors and ultimately a five-year sentence in the jail in Plymouth, has written words for a song. In a letter received by a Boston newspaperman, Ponzi asked for information as to the necessary copyright procedure. The title of the lyric was not mentioned, but Ponzi announced that the lines had been composed for the tune of "Casey Jones."

Oregon Officials Get Reward.

Toronto.—"Three-fingered" Richardson and Chief Constable Fortune of Oregon City, Oregon, will be the recipients of the reward of \$15,000 offered by the estate of Ambrose J. Small for the arrest of John Doughty, Small's former secretary. Small disappeared December 2, 1919, and shortly afterwards Doughty left Toronto. Believing that Doughty could clear up the fate of Small, a reward was offered for his arrest on charges of larceny. Doughty has not yet been tried.

MARKET REPORT

FURNISHED BY U. S. BUREAU OF MARKETS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Week Ending Dec. 20, 1920)

Hay and Feed

Hay market generally easier. Receipts continue light but in some markets in excess of the limited holding demand. Quoted: No. 1 Timothy, New York \$18.50; Chicago \$17.00; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$23.50; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$22.00; Chicago \$28.00; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$21.00; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$21.00.

Unusually light demand caused further breaks in feed prices. Feeders reported buying lightly, country dealers have heavier stock than usual at this season of year. Quoted: No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$23.50; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$22.00; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$21.00.

Fruits and Vegetables

Northern round white potatoes lost 6 to 10 per 100 lbs. at shipping points, reaching \$1.15 to \$1.20. Chicago market up 6 to 10, closing \$1.35 to \$1.45 sacked; jobbing range slightly lower in other midwestern markets at \$1.50 to \$1.75.

New York market, round whites \$1.35 to \$1.40; greenmountains \$1.15 to \$1.20; sacked greenmountains closed \$1.75 to \$1.80 in Boston.

Yellow globe onions down 10 to 25c per 100 lbs. f. o. b. western New York shipping points, closing around \$1.00. Northwestern extra fancy winesaps unchanged f. o. b. \$2.25 per box. Minneapolis jobbing steady at \$3.25.

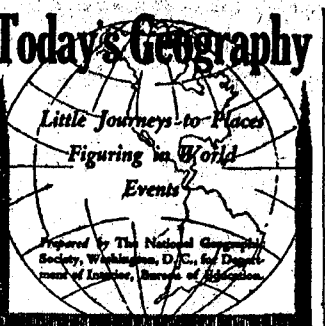
Apples in cold storage Dec. 1: 4,540, 505 bbls., 6,822,388 boxes; Dec. 1, 1919: 3,335,000 bbls., 1,722,532 boxes. Yellow globe onions down 10 to 25c per 100 lbs. f. o. b. western New York shipping points, closing around \$1.00. Northwestern extra fancy winesaps unchanged f. o. b. \$2.25 per box. Minneapolis jobbing steady at \$3.25.

Under fairly liberal supplies and a slow demand dressed meat prices were weak to lower. Dec. 20 prices: Pork, 100 lbs. dressed: Beef \$11.00 to \$11.50; veal \$10.00 to \$10.50; lamb \$10.00 to \$10.50; mutton \$10.00 to \$10.50; light pork \$10.00 to \$10.50; heavy pork \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Grain

There has been heavy export sales of wheat during the week and great difficulty in securing cash wheat to fill old sales. On the 16th Great Britain bought in the U. S. 1,000,000 bushels of No. 1 hard red winter wheat. The markets have shown a distinctly firmer undertone since the 16th. Flour trade continues dull and milling demand for wheat slow. There has been heavy buying of corn by Chicago elevator interests the past few days.

Strange New Years by Strange Peoples



AFGHANISTAN ONCE MORE FEARS BEAR'S PAW

The collapse of czarism in Russia was hailed with acclaim in Afghanistan as freeing her from an influence that often has been embarrassing. But the menace of the bear's paw is renewed with the threatened incursions of the Bolsheviks.

To the stranger the Afghan displays a sort of specious and deceptive oriental courtesy. In fact, a national proverb is that "The man who shuts his door to a stranger is no Afghan." But the stranger also would do well to know a saying current among the Hindoos: "God shield you from vengeance of the elephant, the cobra and the Afghan." For many strangers have found that, upon provocation, to which the Afghan is extremely sensitive, his disposition is vengeful, cruel and crafty. His desire for pillage, theft and deception also is apt to get the best of him.

Your Afghan is a swarthy, swaggering, proud, but withal prepossessing sort of man, every inch the warrior while he keeps his turban on, but giving a faint suggestion of a bewigged jurist of old English days when he removes it to disclose a head shaven from forehead to crown, with curly ringlets falling about his shoulders from the unshaven portions.

Occasionally the men are fair, as most of the women, whose hair in two plaits with colored tassels at the end, conceivably might call to mind an American musical comedy chorus prepared to sing "School Days," were it not for their flowing oriental robes. Afghan women, like Turkish women, are secluded, but they are considerably more adventurous than their Turkish sisters, hence scandal is not infrequent even in a land where a man may have as many wives as he can support.

By Habibullah's father, Abdur Rahman, also were enacted measures of national defense singularly in keeping with the old Afghan schemes for conscription. He made the boast that he could throw a hundred thousand men into action in a week to defend one of his provinces, and said his entire domain could raise a million fighting men to defend her soil. Nor did he stop at the prediction. He worked out a system by which each man in every eight would alternate in taking military instruction. One had to be very young, or very decrepit, to escape the army's draft, for the service ages were from sixteen to seventy.

So far as barring private munition makers is concerned, Abdur Rahman, long before his death in 1901, might have subscribed to the principle, discussed during the peace conference at Paris, for he had his own factories at his capital, Kabul. There are said to have been produced a dozen or more rifles and thousands of cartridges a day, and several guns a week.

ONCE EXILED FAMILY OF BRAZIL NOW HONORED

The visit of Secretary of State Colby to Rio de Janeiro, and recent press dispatches stating that President Pessoa of Brazil has signed a decree revoking the edict which banished former Emperor Dom Pedro II and all his relatives, arouse interest in the history of these "United States of South America."

Harriet Chalmers Adams, writing to the National Geographic Society, says: "There is a movement under way to build a national pantheon in Rio de Janeiro and bring to it, at the time of the 1922 centenary, the remains of Brazil's historical personages, including Joao VI, Pedro I, Pedro II and his consort. To this the Portuguese government will probably consent, and it is to be hoped that Princess Isabel, too, will agree. Dom Pedro II should return with honor to the land of his birth. The difficulty hitherto lay in the fact that neither the princess nor her sons were permitted to enter the Republic of Brazil and could no longer visit the family tomb."

"Dom Pedro II died in Paris in 1891. Princess Isabel, who married the French Count d'Eu, still lives in France. In 1908 her elder son renounced his claim to the throne of Brazil in favor of his brother Dom Luiz, whose little son, born in 1900, is Pedro III."

"When in Lisbon I visited the Pantheon, where the rulers of Portugal lie. Exiled from his country, Dom Pedro II also found a resting place in the land of his forefathers. I was most unfavorably impressed with this Pantheon. It altogether lacks the beauty and dignity of the royal mausoleum of the Escorial in Spain. For the payment of a small fee, the custodian permits you to climb a ladder and gaze at the embalmed body of the last emperor of Brazil. This seems most unfitting."

"Dom Pedro II is Brazil's biggest name. He it was who led his country into the brotherhood of great nations. With him wisdom and kindness were pre-eminent. Every inch an emperor, he yet was accessible to the humblest of his subjects."

"There is much in the city where he lived for so many years still closely associated with his rule, which ended only the other day, as we count history—1889. In the coat-of-arms of the house of Braganza, still to be seen on many of the buildings; in such street names as Marquês de São Vicente, Barão de Petropolis, Visconde de Maranguape, and in the titled Brazilians one still meets in the country, we realize that not many years ago Rio de Janeiro was the abode of royalty."

"Closely associated with imperial rule in its decline was the emperor's daughter, Dona Isabel. While princess regent, during one of her father's visits to Europe in search of health, she signed the most vital decree ever issued in the country. I saw the original document in the Hall of Archives, and the pen, set with diamonds and emeralds, with which the princess signed it, the decree of May 13, 1888, which liberated 1,500,000 slaves."

"The decree of 1888, which freed all slaves, was immensely unpopular with many of the country's leading men, who claimed the princess regent had been unduly influenced by her clerical advisers. This was one of the reasons for the fall of the empire, although that event may be largely attributed to discontent all over the country, owing to the centralization of power in the capital."

DO FISHES TALK?

Recent speculation about a monkey language gives rise to this even more startling theory, hinted at by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, in a communication to the National Geographic Society.

"Talk," of course, is used in the sense of communication; a meaning which is not extreme since we daily speak of "talking" over the telephone, the instrument of Doctor Bell's invention, though the "voice" that is heard is not that of the speaker, but a mechanical reproduction of his utterance. "Did you ever put your head under water and chuck two stones together to see what the sound is like?" Doctor Bell writes. "If you have never done that, try it, and you'll get a new sensation. I did it once, and it sounded as if a man were hammering for all he was worth at my very ear."

"I then took two tiny little pebbles and tapped them together quite lightly under water, and it sounded like a man knocking at the door. It was rather startling to hear such a loud noise from such a slight cause."

"Reflecting upon various experiments, the thought occurred to me: If two little stones tapped together can be heard under water, why, every tiny lobster that snaps his claws must make an audible click. I wonder if there are creatures in the water that signal to one another by sound."

"Well, I had occasion to try it once. Bathing in the Grand river in Ontario a great many years ago, I put my head very gently under water and listened, and, sure enough, 'tick, tick,' came a sound like a grasshopper's chirrup, and a little while after that a chirrup on the other side. There were creatures under the water that were calling to one another."

"I don't know whether all fish make sounds or not, but there are some fish that certainly do. The drumfish on our coast drums away in the water so loudly that you can hear him while you are walking on the shore."

"It is also a significant fact that all fish have ears. Why should they have ears if there is nothing for them to hear?"

"Of this we may be certain—that there is a whole world of sound beneath the waves waiting to be explored, at least to any great degree."

RATS: A COSTLY PEST

As carriers of the dread bubonic plague rats are a menace, but that is only one form of their costly and dangerous depredations.

"Rats are practically omnivorous, and their depredations cover a wide range," writes Edward W. Nelson in a communication to the National Geographic Society.

"They dig up newly planted grain, destroy it while growing, and also when in the shock, stalk, crib, granary, mill, elevator, warehouse, wharf, and ship's hold, as well as in the bin and feed trough. They eat fruits, vegetables and meats in the market, destroying at the same time by pollution far more than is consumed."

"They destroy enormous numbers of eggs and poultry, as well as the eggs and young of song and game birds. In addition, they invade store and warehouses and destroy groceries of every description, as well as furs, fices, silks, carpets and leather goods."

"They cause many disastrous fires by gnawing matches, by gnawing through lead pipe near gas meters, or by cutting the insulation from electric wires in order to secure material for nests and by gathering oil-soaked rags and other inflammable material in their nests; food houses by gnawing through lead water pipes; ruin artificial ponds and embankments by burrowing, and damage foundations, floors, doors and furnishings of dwellings."

"As disease carriers they also cause enormous commercial losses, especially through the introduction of bubonic plague and the resulting suspension of commerce. With the introduction of plague they become directly responsible for business disaster as well as for an appalling mortality."

"Much of the greater part of losses from these pests is in foodstuffs."

which, as already indicated, are destroyed at every stage from the time the seed is planted until they are ready for human consumption.

"Investigation some years ago indicated that the direct annual losses sustained in the United States were about \$200,000,000, with a great additional sum in indirect losses, including the effect on the public health and commerce from the diseases carried by rats, and the necessary expenditures in combating them. Assuming, roughly speaking, that as estimated the rat population in the United States is 50,000,000 for the cities and 150,000,000 for the rural districts, it will require the destruction of property by each rat of only a little more than one-fourth of a cent a day to make the aggregate sum estimated as destroyed by these pests yearly in this country."

CRIMEA: THE RIVIERA OF RUSSIA

A proposal that Great Britain and the United States shall co-operate in caring for the Russian refugees from the Crimea again directs world sympathy to a land which has already known suffering.

Hanging down into the Black sea like a butcher's cleaver, with its handle pointed east and the near corner of the blade joined to the mainland of Russia, the Crimea, where it was first planned to exile the abdicating czar, is about as near to being an island as a peninsula well can be, even though a very narrow strait is the only water that lies between it and a second connection with the mainland. On the one side, to the west, lies the Perekop Gulf, and to the east, shut out from the Black sea by the handle of the cleaver, is the Sea of Azov.

With an area matching that of New Hampshire, a population equal to that of New Hampshire and Vermont together, and a climate that borrows good features from Florida and southern California, and bad ones from many places, the Crimea is one of the most fascinating bits of territory between Portugal and Cochinchina. Its population is a congress of races. Its industries range from the growing of subtropical fruits and the housing of Russia's elite as they flee from the cold, to the herding of sheep and the growing of grains. It is a place of many-sided activities.

As the men of wealth of America have their winter homes in Florida and those of western Europe have theirs along the Riviera, the people of Russia have their country seats in the Crimea. And beautiful places they are for in Russia the rich are very rich. The height of the social season is from the middle of August, to the first of November.

The peninsula is occupied by 855,000 people, according to the last census, mostly Turkish-speaking Tartars, with a scattering of Russians, Greeks, Germans and Jews. Cleanliness and morality are said to be proverbial traits of the Crimean Tartars, who have been undergoing the influence of Russification for several generations. They have taken up vine culture, fruit growing, and kindred occupations with a zeal seldom equaled east of the Aegean.

The novels of Tolstoy give a graphic picture of the Crimean war from the Russian viewpoint—depicting the miseries of the march, the anguish of the life in the casemates, and the nerve-debilitating ordeal of manning the lines under shellfire, there to await the night attack that might or might not come. It was in this war that Florence Nightingale rendered service as a nurse that made her name a synonym of ministering angel on the world's battlefields. Then men knew nothing of the cause of cholera and such diseases, and the soldiers died like flies.

It is estimated that 50,000 British soldiers lie buried in the cemetery outside of Sebastopol. Before the present war this vast city of the dead was watched over by a German who could speak no English, but who was proud of his privilege of guarding the ashes of those who fell at Balaklava and Inkerman.

When Stephen Graham visited the cemetery the old keeper told him they had 35 varieties of oleander in the cemetery.

Manuscripts Strangely Recovered.

Some valuable manuscripts went down in a torpedoed ship during the war. How they were recovered has been told by the Rev. J. Alston at St. Matthew's church on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible society, he said the late Archdeacon Dennis, a missionary in South Nigeria, spent several years in compiling a dictionary and grammar of the language, compiling six distinct dialects to enable the Bible to be printed and circulated among the native tribes. When on his way to England his vessel was torpedoed, and he lost his life. Some months later his manuscripts were found in a crevice of the rocks on the Welsh coast, where they had been washed up by the sea. They are now awaiting publication.

Hurrah for Cow.

Father had returned from a political convention and presented each of his three youngsters with a badge bearing a likeness of a candidate and his name. The two older children were able to read, so ran out of the house cheering for the man whose name appeared on their badge. Maurice was too young to read, but seeing the seal of Indiana on his badge (which is a buffalo bounding over a plain) he shouted, "Hurrah for this bad cow!"

HAVE TRAITS ALMOST HUMAN

In Their Primal Instincts, the Beasts Are Not So Greatly Removed From Mankind.

Susette, former star chimpanzee, now in the New York Zoological park, who recently gave birth to the second of the species ever born in captivity, gave evidence of a joy in motherhood closely akin to human. Susette hugged her baby close to her and resented the approach of the too curious stranger. And although Papa Boma did not pass eagles to celebrate the arrival, he showed hysterical joy that mother and child were doing as well as could be expected. Papa Boma acted very much like the human father under similar circumstances, only the human father has conventionalized his expression of joy.

Research has done much to narrow the chasm once thought to exist between the highest animal and lowest man. Give articulate speech to a horse and he would shame his master out of many practices. As it is, he speaks plently enough with his imperfect resources. Animals may or may not have language that they use between themselves, but at least they have ways of expressing their emotions through the slant of the ears, the bristling of their hairy coats, the wagging of tails, through yelp, bark or purr.—New York Times.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It

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NOT HARD TO WIN SUCCESS

Mistake to Imagine It Calls for Extraordinary Skill and Ceaseless Endeavor.

There is a glamor about success and the men who have succeeded, but both also have a dark side, which is too often emphasized. It has been our observation that from their elders the young men and women of today have received the impression that success is difficult to attain and comes only as the result of extraordinary skill and ceaseless endeavor. Hence the cry: "The world is against me!" or the pitiful wail: "I wish I could do something big, but I can't."

As a matter of fact this is an easy world to get along in. All that is required of anyone is a willingness to work and to learn. To be honest, to be cheerful, to be patient in adversity and kind to the troubled; to be fair with your neighbors and true to yourself are not difficult tasks, yet these are the guide posts to happiness and success.

Most of our leading men and women are ordinary people who have done all these things well and have borne their responsibilities to the best of their ability.—Detroit Free Press.

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FEW ALLOWED TO WEAR FURS

In Early England the Privilege Was Confined to the Nobility and High Ecclesiastics.

Important tradesmen were the "pel-lepers" or "skinners" of London 600 years ago; for these fur dealers, as one should call them, could not deal with ordinary citizens, however prosperous. The wearing of furs was then a special privilege, royal, aristocratic or religious. Your "pel-leper" could sell his "miniver," his "straddling" and his "bison"—although the American bison, with America, had yet to be discovered—only to the royal family; to earls, barons, knights and ladies, and to such "people of Holy Church" as might expend by year an hundred pounds of their benefice for it.

The pumpered merchants upon receiving their first charter were addressed by Edward III as "our beloved men of our City of London called skinnners," and Henry II described them more respectfully as "The Master and Wardens of the Guild or Fraternity of the Body of Christ of the Skinners of London."

Balky Pegasus.

An attendant, perspiring freely from sundry trips to the flying field to carry gas and oil for the planes, had reached the end of his patience. Each trip he had been delayed by inquisitive persons who bombarded him with foolish questions. Nos. 1,000, inclusive. Finally an old lady stopped him: "Young man," she said, "what do you do when a machine goes up in the air and runs out of gasoline?" "Confidentially, ma'am," he replied, "that's just what's happened now. There's a couple of them stalled up there and we've got to take gas up in the emergency balloon to take them down."—American Legion Weekly.

Faith moves mountains; though it may have had to wait until steam shovels were in.

IN MOQUIT LAND

NEW YEAR'S DAY—or at least the coming of the New Year—is greeted by all the world. In this very much civilized Twentieth century most of us celebrate the New Year by the almanac. We have forgotten—or do not take time to remember—the original significance of the day, but when the world was younger and its people were closer to nature it was a day of significance well worth celebrating.

Among primitive peoples the year is marked off in seasons, usually the planting, the growing, the harvesting and the season of rest, or it even may be by moons and suns. But let the division be what it will, it is based on those marked physical changes which appeal to the senses as light and darkness, heat and cold, the lengthening and shortening of the day.

Think how deeply must the shortening of the days, as fall comes on apace, affect the imagination of the primitive. The sun, their all-powerful deity who gives them warmth and growth, and life, wanes and grows sluggish and sick until daylight becomes so short that the terror-stricken primitive hearts pray and plead and invoke the malign and hateful gods to remove their pernicious influence from their dearly beloved sun-god. How great is the joy and feasting on the first day, the New Year, when he starts slowly back to them, to gain day by day a greater vigor and beauty, until in June he reaches the culmination of his power.

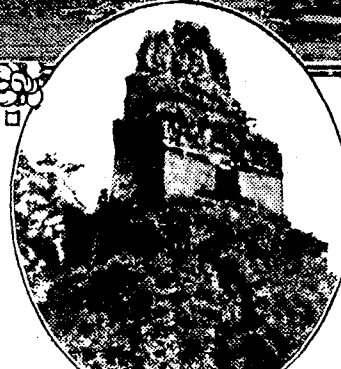
So it is seen that the shortest day in the year, December 21, in our calendar, is quite properly the last day in the year. And it is equally fitting that the succeeding day, when the sun commences his return march, should be hailed by glad and happy hearts.

The Moqui Indians, the communal pueblo people of the American Southwest, watch the shortening days with dread and celebrate with elaborate ceremony the turning point in the sun's course. The Moqui New Year's celebration, called So-yaku-na, is largely a presentation of a singular and elaborate mythic drama, divided into two parts, in which offerings are made to deities of the Great Plume Headed Serpent, the enemy of the sun, followed by a sun dance, in which the conflict between the sun and the interior hostile gods is admirably portrayed by Moqui men personifying the various deities.

It is hoped that the sun's worst enemy—the snake demon—will be annulled; so rich will be the tribute that for one entire year the sun shall be free from his persecutions, and the clouds which the snake wickedly swallows, shall gather and their moisture freely descend upon the parched and blighted land until it is once more clothed in verdure.

In a dimly-lighted underground room there is erected, at its west end, a screen profusely decorated with corn husks, cut cleverly in imitation of flowers. Near the middle of the screen there is an opening and behind it stands a man who manipulates the effigy snake. By his side stands a companion who has a large conch shell. In front of the screen sit three or four solemn priests and the audience, consisting of members of all the clans and their allies, and behind them is a row of men who act as chorus.

When the rites begin the chorus commences to sing, at first a low, weird chant, that gradually rises to piercing intensity. Then the man behind the screen rises up the effigy of the great snake and thrusts it rapidly through the opening a number of



CEREMONIAL PYRAMID IN YUCATAN



ALMUS OF TODAY

times, accompanied by the unearthly and discordant wailing of the conch shell. The priest directly in front of the screen takes a little sacred meal in his hand, holds it to his mouth, uttering a deeply significant invocation to the serpent, and then casts the meal on the head of the effigy.

One by one all the members present make their prayers to the hostile serpent god. So ends the first half of the drama, and on the morrow, or the New Year, begins the great sun dance. On opposite sides of the chamber there stand rows of men, bearing shields with elaborate symbolic designs. At the end of the room, all alone and unsupported, stands the sunbearer, awaiting the onslaught of his horde of enemies. A signal and the song begins, and the lines of warriors on each side of the room surge against the sunbearer in attack. Eventually he scuttles and vanquishes his many foes. New Year's day finishes with feasting and jollification.

The Aztecs of Mexico and Central America had a bloody and complicated ritual for their celebration of the return of their masterful war-god, the sun. We find scattered through the tangled jungles of Yucatan many huge ruins of the wonderful pyramid ceremonial edifices upon which horrible sacrificial atrocities were practiced in heralding the New Year. The Aztec has vanished from the face of the earth. The jungle has swallowed up the sun-god's altars.

The ceremonies occupied a period of several days. The initiatory rites began before daylight of the first morning, when the chief high priest and his sub-dignitaries wended their way in solemn procession to the top of their pyramid sanctuary. Here the high priest retired alone to a small temple, whose doorway opened toward the east, and as the rising sun crimsoned the sky he knelt and sprinkled thickly upon the marble floor the sacred meal.

As the first rays of the sun strike slantingly across the floor of the tiny temple, the banded priest beholds a miracle. Faintly, at first, then stronger and stronger, grows an imperceptible meal of the naked foot of their war god. Upon this miraculous manifestation the high priest announces to the assembled courtiers that their god had returned to them, and that the grand festive occasion is inaugurated.

The first feast rites were of a gruesome and horrible nature, consisting mainly of sacrificing youths to the gods. It is said that they were feast-

ed for days previous to the ceremony, and that they might be in a pleasing condition upon their last and the war god's first great day. In other ceremonies human beings were killed and flayed, and the participants in the sacrifice enveloped themselves in the bloody skins of the victims, while they took part in a frenzied dance.

Across the Pacific ocean, the Almus of Japan, are celebrating an exceedingly curious New Year's custom. For a thousand known years the Almus have stood still in their civilization, following all their primitive customs and ceremonies generation after generation and century after century, practically without change. New Year with them is the day of their greatest feasting and merry-making, consisting largely of an extravagant use of sake, or rice beer.

The principal ceremony is the great bear feast, called Onisia, in which a huge bear is slain and sacrificed as a special offering to the god Kamui, who is the guardian and protector of their homes throughout the year. It is necessary to coordinate this god by the special donation of bear's meat that their lives may be free from the persecution of the unseen, intangible spirit demons who seek to do them harm.

It is said that the bear for this feast is raised from a cub, suckled by an Almu woman. As the end of the year draws nigh they fatten the feast bear for the coming celebration with carefully prepared foods. The killing of the bear is done in a curious way. Two fair-sized logs are lashed, one above another, to a standing tree, and extend horizontally resting upon the ground. The entire clan takes part in the killing, which is accomplished by putting the head of the animal between the logs and squeezing out its life.

New Year Period in Peking.

The New Year period in Peking reminds one of the three Sundays that came together in a week, for it has three celebrations of the new year in little less time than a month. First comes that one with which all Americans, the people of England and those on the continent are familiar. It is ushered in in much the same way as in any other part of the world, perhaps, but there is the oriental setting to the scene, which is so picturesque that having gazed upon it you close your eyes, thinking thus to forever keep the vision.

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Idealizing Vices

The common feature of the cult of all idols is the adoption of an ideal to the evil instincts of mankind. Man cultivates the vices which are profitable to him, but feels the necessity of legitimizing them; being unwilling to sacrifice them, he must idealize them. That is why the problem at which he has never ceased to labor throughout the centuries has been to harmonize his ideals with his own mediocrity.

Idealizing Vices

Idols have no existence in themselves, but only through the hopes or experiences in themselves which can fill them. They are either summaries, or hypotheses; frames for what has been, or will be, convenient or necessary formula. One cannot live without them, but the evil is that people make them into oppressive realities.—Romain Rolland, in "The Idols."

Industry.

Industry is never wholly unfruitful. If it bring no joy with the incoming

Idealizing Vices

profit, it will yet banish mischief from busy-busted gates. There is a kind of good angel waiting diligence; that ever carries a laurel in her hand to crown her. Fortune, they said of all, should not be prayed unto, but with the hands in motion. The besotted tick beckons the approach of poverty, and leaves besides the noble head unguarded; but the lifted arm does frighten want, and is ever a shield to that noble director. How unworthy was that man of the world that never did aught, but only lived and died.—Peltham.

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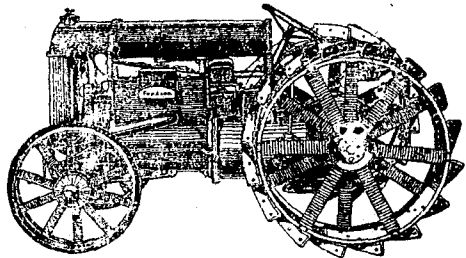
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PROMOTIONS IN POLICE ARE MADE BY MAJOR MARSH

COMMANDER OF STATE TROOPERS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW POSTS.

Major Robert Marsh, in command of the Michigan State Police, has announced the following promotions to take effect immediately: R. G. Stroppe, from captain to adjutant quartermaster; L. H. Marmon, from lieutenant to captain; H. F. Mulder, from corporal to sergeant; H. B. Sablin, from corporal to sergeant; O. Olander, from corporal to sergeant; W. White, from trooper to corporal; John Sands, from trooper to corporal; James Wilson, from trooper to corporal; Owen Putnam, from trooper to corporal.

A new detachment of Michigan State Police has been established at Adrian in response to the requests of business men and bankers who have written to the headquarters of the constabulary at East Lansing asking for the protection and services of the police. Corporal Owen Putnam and two troopers have been sent to Adrian. One of the requests came from the Bankers' Association of Adrian and another came from the Adrian Chamber of Commerce. Numerous individual requests have also been received.

A new detachment has also been established at Honor and Corporal James Wilson has been sent there. Several other small towns have requested detachments of State Police and their requests will be complied with as soon as there are men available.

Sergt. Haas has been removed and Corp. Kulter has been put in command of the Sturgis detachment of State Police.

DISEASE CARRIERS PUT UNDER ARREST

Two men with contagious diseases were found running loose by Trooper T. R. Stroppe and Trooper B. S. Johnson of the State Police, a few days ago and were turned over to the Board of Health. Trooper Stroppe located the two men at the request of County Supervisor Smith of St. Charles. The men gave their names as John Hunt, age 70, and John Blackmere, age 35. The superintendent of the poor at Saginaw took them in charge.

CRAZED DRIVER RUNS AUTO THROUGH IONIA

Guy Thorp, drunk on "moonshine," drove his automobile full speed through Ionia the other evening—but he won't do it any more—at least for a while. Sergt. G. Karkeet and Cpl. Gillespie, of the State Police, arrested him, and after admitting his guilt Thorp was fined \$50 and costs. Those who witnessed the affair state that it is remarkable that no one was killed, so reckless was the driver, considering the frightful speed at which he was traveling.

ROAD HOUSE RAIDED BY STATE TROOPERS

A road house on the Genesee road near Buena Vista was raided the other night by Troopers Harris and Eaton. William Flonow was arrested and charged with keeping a house of ill-fame and the possession of liquor. He was bound over to the circuit court by Judge Seigrist. Two women were taken in the raid.

PERSONAL GRIEVANCES NOT FOR STATE POLICE

Major Marsh, in command of the Michigan State Police, wishes it to be known that the members of the constabulary are in no way concerned and will refuse to handle personal grievances. Many minor disputes and purely personal matters have been put up to the State Police recently for action and settlement and in each case the parties were advised to consult lawyers or have their cases settled in civil courts.

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VOTES REPEAL OF WAR-TIME LAWS

HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY PASSES BILL AFTER DEBATE TO INCLUDE LEVER ACT.

AID FOR FARMERS FAVORED

Senate Passes Resolution Directing Revival of War Finance Corporation For Relief.

Washington.—Repeal of most of the war-time laws was voted Monday by the house, which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours of debate.

The vote on adoption of the resolution was unanimous, 323 votes being recorded as favoring it with none opposed. The house, before taking the vote, quickly accepted an amendment providing for inclusion of the Lever food control act among the laws which the resolution would repeal.

The resolution, which now goes to the senate, exempted from repeal only the trading with the enemy act, the war finance corporation act, and its amendments, and measures dealing with the issuance of Liberty and Victory bonds.

Republican leaders of the house asserted that the adoption of the measure was one of the first steps taken by the Republican majority to fulfill the campaign pledge to put the country on a peace-time basis.

The measure, as adopted, is practically identical with that passed by congress just before the adjournment of the last session and vetoed by President Wilson.

The senate late on Monday passed the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers.

The amendment making the change in the section of the resolution relating to the Federal reserve system was proposed by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, and was accepted by a vote of 47 to 16.

WORLD COURT PLAN ADOPTED

Approval of 22 League Members Before September Expected.

Geneva.—The assembly accomplished the first important constructive act in the work of the League of Nations in adopting a statute for a permanent international court of justice. The organization as planned lacks the obligatory appearance of both parties to a dispute and provides no penalty for non-compliance with decisions of the court.

Advocates of the project believe it is the most complete plan that could be accepted by the different governments and are confident the will of the nations will remedy its defects. If 22, a majority of the members of the league, approve it before the next meeting of the assembly, judges will be elected and the court will come into existence in the month of September.

POSTAL DEFICIT \$17,270,482

Burlison Places Blame on Congress for Allowing Bonus.

Washington.—Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service—Postmaster General Burlison shows in his annual report to the president, in which the expenditures of the postoffice department are placed at \$454,322,609 and revenues at \$437,052,127.

The postmaster general charges congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditures included approximately \$32,202,600 paid as a war bonus to postal employees and stating that but for this there would have been a surplus of \$18,427,917.

MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED

Cork Fire Spreads To Over 300 Buildings; Troops on Guard.

Cork—More than 300 buildings are said to have been destroyed in the fires which Sunday laid waste a great part of this city.

A military patrol was ambushed at Cloyne, seven miles east of Queens-town. The attackers threw bombs from two houses but were defeated. Two of the attackers were killed, several wounded and two captured. One soldier was wounded. The houses from which the bombs were thrown were burned.

LAMAR AND MARTIN GUILTY

Prominent Anti-War Men Lose in Appeal to Supreme Court.

Washington.—David Lamar, "the wolf of Wall street," and Henry J. Martin, of New York, Monday lost in the supreme court of the United States, their petitions to have dismissed cases pending against them for conspiring to violate the Sherman act in seeking to restrain shipments of munitions of war from this country to Great Britain, France, Italy and other countries at war with Germany. They have been convicted of the offense in the lower federal court.

REMEDY.

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Whereas default has been made in payment of money secured by mortgage dated December 4, 1916, executed by Charles A. Cook and Pearl Cook his wife to Roscommon State Bank, a corporation, which mortgage was recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber F of Mortgages on page fifty on December 14, 1916; And Whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at date hereof including taxes paid by mortgagee is \$292.35 and \$15 attorney fee provided by statute which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage; and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative;

Therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in Grayling in said county of Crawford on March 18, 1921, at one o'clock in the afternoon; which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows:

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Dated December 18, 1920.

Roscommon State Bank, Mortgagee.

Hiram R. Smith, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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